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RSPCA ISSUES AN APPEAL AS... Four pet cats in one Barry street die from mystery poison

A YOUNG family in Barry have been left devastated after their two cats died of poisoning – along with two of their neighbour's cats.

The suspicious nature of the incident has led the RSPCA to launch an appeal for information so they can track down who or what was responsible.

The events in Barry come two months after a similar spate of cat poisonings in Bridgend. On that occasion six cats died in one road in the space of three weeks.

Stephen Griffiths and Sarah Jones, both aged 25, live with daughter Morgan (four) and son Riley (two) in Amroth Court in Gibbonsdown, and are keen animal lovers.

Stephen said: "We loved the cats, they were part of the family and the kids are very upset."

Sarah explained: "We had two cats called Pudding and Sugar, they were sisters aged four years old."

"A couple of weeks ago, one Sunday, Pudding came in for food at about 12 noon and then went straight to sleep, which she never



Stephen and Morgan say the family were shocked when they found out their cats had died from poisoning.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

does."

Stephen took up the story: "Later on, when she tried to get up, she fell down onto her stomach. She then tried to crawl across the floor but her back legs had gone."

Sarah was worried she had been hit by a car, but when their other cat Sugar fell off the wall, she suspected something more sinister was behind the cats' restricted movement.

She took the cats to a PDSA vet in Cardiff where they received treatment, but after a couple of days, with no prospect of recovery, the

vet had to advise them to put down Sugar, and later Pudding.

During this period of time, their next door neighbours' two cats also died. The vet's practice confirmed that the cats had died of renal failure caused by ingesting a toxin – in other words, suspected poisoning.

RSPCA inspector Christine McNeil said: "All these cats died a nasty death, and we would like the public to help us in this matter."

"Poisoning has been identified as the likely cause, so it's vital that we receive as much

information as possible. It is possible that someone may have seen a person acting suspiciously."

The fact that the two cats were in obvious distress before they died is something the family have found hard to come to terms with, as Sarah pointed out: "Sugar and Pudding suffered from vomiting, blinking eyes, head shaking and a lack of co-ordination."

"It was a cruel way for them to die. They endured a lot of discomfort. If someone doesn't want cats around, all they have to do is get something from a pet shop to deter them."

Stephen said: "Whoever is doing this, must stop now."

For the children Morgan and Riley, it has been very upsetting, particularly as the family's German Shepherd dog Tyson had to be put down at the age of 12 in July.

Stephen added: "We still look out at the fence and expect them to be there."

Anyone who may have information about this incident should contact the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999. Calls are treated in confidence.

'Inspirational' Anne's great achievement in the face of adversity

'INSPIRATIONAL' single parent Anne Hopkins has been shortlisted for a caring award at a prestigious ceremony to be held in Cardiff on October 30.

She has been nominated in this year's Wales Care Awards, organised by Care Forum Wales, which represents the care sector in Wales.

For the past two years Anne (42) has worked for All Care, operating as a community care worker in the Barry area. She was previously employed in a local nursing home.

Anne, who lives in the Colcot area of Barry, is recognised in the category of 'domiciliary care, or supported living practitioner', but what makes her nomination so remarkable is her achievement in the face of adversity.

She has two sons,



ABOVE:

Anne Hopkins' manager said: "It is remarkable how she has overcome adversity and always has a smile on her face."

aged 12 and 14, the younger of whom is severely disabled, and at around the time he was born, she lost her husband through cancer.

Anne told The GEM: "It's true that I am aware of what a family can go through in trying to care for a loved one – it can turn your world upside down – and it does help that I can understand."

She was nominated for the award by her manager, Emma James, who commented: "We believe that she is an inspiration, committed to her role and providing service users with a thoughtful, high-quality service."

"She has a great

insight and depth of knowledge of empowering individuals to make choices while ensuring dignity, and providing the right and appropriate level of support," said Emma.

"Anne always displays a cheerful disposition, never allowing her personal circumstances to affect her work and she has an excellent attendance record."

"It is remarkable how she has overcome adversity and always has a smile on her face. She makes us feel quite humble and puts all our minor problems into perspective."

Despite the pressure of work and her fulfilling role as a mother Anne has managed to complete her NVQ Level 2, and does a night shift in a local nursing home to help provide for her family.

Town crossings

THIS week a report is going to the Vale cabinet recommending that two pedestrian crossings should be built in the Waterfront area.

Meanwhile, on Colcot Road, residents are due to meet the council and Assembly Member Jane Hutt, because they are unhappy about a crossing and lights that have just been constructed.

To read both stories, please turn to page 3.

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ABOVE:
Stephen and daughter Morgan say the family were shocked when they found out their cats had died from poisoning.

Drumming up support for global day of action

SUSTAINABLE Wales and friends will hold a community climate change awareness event in Sandy Bowl, Porthcawl on Saturday, October 24, as part of a global day of action.

Co-ordinated by www.350.org, thousands of people around the world come together and mark the number 350 parts per million – which science says is the level of CO2 in the atmosphere that we need to get back to to prevent dangerous climate change.

The global campaign has the support of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bianca Jagger, George Monbiot and Rajendra Pachauri (head of International Panel on Climate Change) among many others.

The events are a way for the public to make their voices heard in advance of the Copenhagen Climate Change talks in December.

The Porthcawl event itself involves a 350-minute drumming marathon, (a drumathon!). Drumming starts at 11.30am and finishes at 5.20pm – 350 minutes (that's 5 hours and 50 minutes to be exact!) of people-powered drumming fun with samba, dance and junk drums for the kids to bang!

Climate activists, global citizens, drummers and dancers are invited to join in throughout the afternoon.

Where to find the fun: Follow the sound of the rhythms to the 'zero-carbon gazebo village' in Sandy Bowl, nestled between Coney Beach fun-fair/Hi-Tide car park and Trecco Bay caravan park.

The location is perfect as the Sandy Bowl Drumathon is being held in a grassy amphitheatre in the heart of a disused caravan park, right on the beach at Sandy Bay near Porthcawl harbour and funfair – so it's a celebration of local regeneration too!

Check www.sustainablewales.org for updates on weather and a map. For the climate sinners who have to drive (unfortunately, Porthcawl has no train station!) there is ample parking at the Hi-Tide car park at the end of Mackworth Road, off New Road.

This event is also being run to raise awareness of



ABOVE: Jayden Thomas (age five) bangs the drum for Porthcawl.

the Living Lighter, energy efficiency project that Sustainable Wales are co-ordinating for Bridgend county borough.

Anyone interested in receiving free training in home energy use, and in helping local householders save money on their bills as well as cutting greenhouse gases, should get in touch.

For more information, telephone mobile: 0788 231 7097, email eco.check@tiscali.co.uk

RICHARD THOMAS

'I KNOW MY RIGHTS' says winning shopper

RIGHT: John McKenzie receives his hamper from head of trading standards Helen Picton.



MANY shoppers are still not sure of their legal rights when it comes to buying goods and services, according to a survey by Bridgend County Borough Council's trading standards team.

As part of National Consumer Week, officers spent time at Bridgend Designer Outlet, advising consumers and providing leaflets and information.

Shoppers were asked to answer three questions relating to consumer law in order to enter a prize draw.

When asked about a consumer's right to cancel a contract for goods purchased online, only 39 per cent of those questioned knew the correct seven-day cancellation period.

Just over half were aware that traders do not have to provide a refund to consumers who have changed their minds about goods purchased from their shops.

However, consumers were slightly more aware

of their rights when asked about credit card purchases, with 62 per cent correctly stating that a minimum payment of £100 on a credit card must be made in order to claim against the card provider for a breach of contract.

One shopper who did know his rights was mechanical engineer John McKenzie from Bridgend. He answered all questions correctly and was the winner of the prize draw to win a Marks and Spencer food hamper. He plans to share it with his family.

He was presented with his prize by service manager for trading standards, Helen Picton, who said: "The results of this survey show that many consumers are still unsure of their rights when dealing with businesses, and this can often lead to lengthy disputes and a breakdown of communication."

Consumers are advised to contact Consumer Direct Wales on 08454 040506 for more information or for any advice on their rights when dealing with businesses.

Tabernacl excel in the Messiah

ON Sunday, October 4, the choir and orchestra of Tabernacl Music Society, conducted as usual by Kevin Adams, celebrated the 250th anniversary of the death of GF Handel with a performance of *The Messiah*.

The solo artists were Rhianon Evans (soprano), Hannah Robins (alto), Iestyn Morris (tenor) and Owen Webb (bass). The choir and soloists were effectively supported by a smaller orchestra than usual, led

by Elizabeth Jones, which allowed us to enjoy the arias and choruses we all love.

Popular though it is, *The Messiah* is a long and difficult oratorio to perform and the choristers and soloists are to be congratulated on their light and delicate singing under Kevin Adams' quick baton.

The final *Amen* chorus was a wonderful and fitting climax to a most enjoyable evening.

The music society's next concert is on Sunday March 21, when Mendelssohn's *Elijah* will be performed.

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Revised hours will 'help public'

THE Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet has vowed to make a "renewed commitment" to residents, with more staff at busier times.

Acting on public feedback, cabinet members have agreed that both the main 01656 643643 number and the customer service centre in Civic Offices, Bridgend should close an hour earlier, at 6pm, instead of the current 7pm – to allow more staff to work at

busier times in the day.

The change to the centre's opening times means that more staff can now be used to help customers at peak visitor times, it was explained.

A council spokeswoman said there are no financial implications to the changes, which will allow for a more efficient use of resources to provide a better service to council customers.

The new 8am-6pm opening times will be effective from Monday, November 2.

Tandoori nights for local charity

THE Mumtaz Restaurant in Maesteg's Commercial Street, is staging two Tandoori evenings on October 26-27 in aid of the Garnwen Trust Log Cabin Appeal.

This has been set up by Richard and Margaret

Collins in memory of their son Alex and his girlfriend Bethan, who were killed in an plane crash in Thailand two years ago.

Each night has two sittings – 6pm to 9pm and 9pm until midnight with a help yourself buffet at £15 a head.

Tables can be booked on 01656 736333 or mobile 07977 – 844730.

'Click for Ken' appeal goes out to public

A LOCAL man, Ken Maund, has been shortlisted in the national Talk 'Digital Hero' awards.

Mr Maund, who works for Bridgend County Borough Council, has been nominated for his work on the Bro Cynffig Chronicles project, and could win a £5,000 grant to fund his work.

Project coordinator Ken works alongside other members of the community to celebrate the rich heritage of Cynffig using the words, drawings and activities of its children.

If voted the winner of his region, not only will Ken receive a grant of £5,000, he will also go through to the final with the chance of winning a further £10,000.

The grant would help Ken to develop new community projects such as a digital story-telling

section on the project website.

Coun Alana Davies, the cabinet member for Children and Young People, said: "Ken has worked extremely hard to make this project a success. Not only do all schools in the area participate, but it is valued by many for fostering great community spirit."

Each school uses the support of community groups and local people to gather evidence of the area's historical background. The information is then shared through the creation of history trails and journals via the project website.

Supporters can vote for Ken by visiting www.talktalk.co.uk/vote. It takes a few clicks to register your vote - select the Wales region, click on view region and then choose the middle box for Ken Maund.

Voting closes on Friday, October 23.

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Young Bridgend writers find inspiration in The Senedd



RECENTLY, 58 members of the Young People's Writing Squads from across the area, including a group from Bridgend, came together in the National Assembly's Senedd and Ty Hywel buildings in Cardiff Bay, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the National Assembly, and to work with some of Wales' leading writers to create poems about the Senedd.

The Young People's Writing Squads have been developed over the past decade by Academi, the Welsh literary organisation, in association with local authorities in Wales.

The squads aim to locate gifted writers in each authority region and introduce them to some of Wales' leading writers and teachers of writing.

During the event, the young writers were given guided tours, and took part in a debate in the former debating chamber, Siambr Hywel.

In the afternoon, they worked with some of Wales' leading writers. One group worked with Ceri Wyn Jones through the medium of Welsh, while two groups worked in English, one with Robert Minhinnick from Porthcawl, and one with National Poet Gillian Clarke.

In total, the children produced more than 50 poems on the day, and Academi will soon publish a selection of the works to commemorate the feat.

Robert Minhinnick with writing squad members in the former debating chamber Siambr Hywel.

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ABOVE:
Peter Black AM with two young Bridgend writers.

COPPER PIPE THEFT PROBE

PORHCRAWL police are investigating the theft and attempted theft of copper piping from two different homes in North Cornelly.

Houses on Woodland Place and Maes yr Haf were targeted overnight on October 4-5.

An external copper water pipe was removed from the property on Maes Yr Haf, while attempts were also made to remove copper pipe supplying gas to both properties under investigation.

Porthcawl Neighbourhood Police Inspector Alan James said that this type of

criminal activity will not be tolerated: "Interfering with gas supplies is extremely hazardous and I would warn anyone against this type of behaviour. The results can be exceptionally serious.

"We are investigating both these incidents and would ask any members of the public who may have seen anyone behaving suspiciously in these areas during the night in question to contact us."

Anyone with information can contact Inspector James at Porthcawl Police Station on 101, or Crimstoppers free on 0800 555111.

FAIRTRADE EVENING

THERE will be a Fairtrade evening of cheese, wine and chocolate in the Fairtrade Café at the Co-op, Pyle, on October 23, from 7.30pm.

The event, organised by the Bridgend Borough Fairtrade Group, will be celebrating the progress made in the bid to become a Fairtrade county.

The group will present an update, including a progress report on Wales' status as the world's first Fairtrade country.

There will be stalls displaying information and Fairtrade items, which can be purchased locally, a chocolate fondue and a tombola.

A group of sixth formers from Porthcawl Comprehensive will be modelling Fairtrade costumes. All proceeds will be donated to SUSSED, the local community co-operative specialising in Fairtrade, local and ethically-sourced goods and providing community education.

Tickets (produced by HMP Parc) are £3 or £5 for two. They are available from Susseed and the Co-op store in Pyle, or on the night, but advise organisers in advance, for catering purposes; email mm@sustainablewales.org.uk or telephone 01656 783405.

Wannabe gardeners search for allotments

THERE are almost 100 people waiting for allotments throughout Bridgend county borough, according to figures provided to the Town and Community Council forum on Tuesday.

In a report on allotments, Gareth Moss, corporate director of resources, said that there was a statutory duty for local authorities to provide sufficient allotments where demand exists.

As there is no legally-defined minimum number of plots or acreage to be provided, the council has co-operated with various organisations to assess demand.

At present, the council owns 18 allotment sites totalling 24 acres. They provide 406 plots, but none is directly managed by the borough.

In 2000, the council reviewed its allotment sites and has devolved the management of the sites, with 10 now managed by the Bridgend County Allotments Association.

Four sites are let to Bridgend Town Council and a further four are let to individuals or independent allotment associations.

The council does not keep a waiting list but the Bridgend Association had 100 people waiting as at last February.

An allotment strategy is now being prepared by the property department, and the planning department is looking at existing, disused and possible new sites for allotments, and a survey of all existing sites, including those that are privately owned, has just been undertaken.

The council recently increased its provision by making land at the rear of Cefn Cribwr Community Centre available to the village gardening club for a 10-year period.

Other options under consideration at the

moment include creating an allotment site in partnership with Communities First at Llangeinor, and the provision of allotments or a market garden on land near the new primary school in Caerau, subject to funding from the Western Valley regeneration fund.

Once the survey is completed in 2010, the council will be able to identify areas where there is a shortfall in provision, and try to find suitable sites to plug the gap, assuming funding is available.

Shopmobility in Bridgend

THE Shopmobility scheme in Bridgend was used more than 5,000 times over the past year by the elderly and disabled.

The scheme's annual report, which was presented to Bridgend Town Council, showed that it attracted 129 new members in the year 2008-09.

However, the scheme required a subsidy of £20,216 from Bridgend County Borough Council to break even. It cost a total of £34,000 to run, and had income from donations and Bridgend Town Council of £14,639, leaving it with a funding shortfall.

The scheme lends out

manual wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs and powered scooters to members of the public with limited mobility to shop or visit premises in Bridgend town centre.

It operates from 9am-5pm, Monday to Saturday, and is based at the Rhiw park.

It was introduced when pedestrianisation came into force, which prevented disabled people from getting into town in either their own cars or by taxi. The scheme covers people of all ages, including those whose disability may only be temporary.

The service is free, although users give a £2 deposit which is refunded.

CHOIR HONOURS STALWARTS AT ITS ANNUAL CONCERT

AT its recent annual concert, Bridgend Male Choir was delighted to honour the services of a number of stalwarts who, among others, have proved to be the backbone of the choir over many years.

Choir chairman, Mansel Abraham, received an inscribed choir plaque recognising his astonishing achievement of being choir chairman for a remarkable 35 years.

The plaque was presented to him by choir president and local businessman, Trevor Veasey, who paid a warm tribute to Mansel, speaking of the dignity and professionalism in which he had conducted his role.

The proud recipient in turn spoke of his pleasure and privilege in leading such a fine group of men.

Also honoured at the concert was Norman Thomas, a long serving choir vice-president, whose 25 years in the role received vociferous appreciation by all present.

Trevor Veasey presented an inscribed



Norman Thomas (left) and Trevor Veasey.

plaque to a surprised but delighted Norman.

Trevor commented that annual concerts would not be the same without the regular attendance of Norman and his charming wife, Frances.

Others no less deserving acknowledged at the annual concert were eight chorists who had each given more than 40 years' vocal service to the choir, all being life members.

Both Colin Matthews from Tondur and John Wood from Bettws have been with the choir from the very first concert held at Pontycymmer in 1960.

The other well-deserving life members are John F Morgan (Pendre); Peter Anderson (Bridgend); Leon S



ABOVE:
Mansel Abraham.

Evans (Brackla); Alan Morgan (Bryncethin); Alun Roberts Jones (Laleston) and last, but not least, 97 years old Glyn Thomas (South Cornelly).

The annual concert was a great success and it is anticipated that the choir's 50th birthday next year will be a worthy milestone year in its history.

DIGBY HAS A NOSE FOR PLASTIC (See page 1)



LEFT:
Digby the 'sniffer dog' turned out to be an expert collector - of plastic bottles!

Council could be 'stuck' with £32,000 gum bill

PROVIDING an extra 'gum-busting' machine and crew in Bridgend county borough will cost an additional £27,000 a year - plus the initial £5,500 purchase cost.

This information was given to the Town and Community Council Forum on Tuesday by Louise Fradd, director of communities.

The forum members are being asked to consider stumping up this extra cash in return for extra gum-busting within

their areas. The report stated that the council already deploys two of these machines to deal with gum on pavements, because of its "negative visual impact".

The machines work mainly in town centres and high density residential developments, where the problem tends to be at its worst.

The machines use a combination of a pH-neutral cleaning solution, low pressure steam and mild abrasion to remove the gum without damaging surfaces and grouting.

The report went on:

"The process is labour-intensive and, while the initial improvement following removal can be significant, areas generally tend to deteriorate over time, necessitating repeated visits.

"The machines are operated by individuals employed within the street cleansing service which means that the core cleansing workforce is depleted."

The report states that if a third machine is to be provided, additional staff will be needed to operate it, to prevent any further depletion of the street cleaning staff.

Learning to cope with 'double (and triple) trouble' – with a little help from my friends!

THERE are very few groups around to support us, you may have attended baby and toddler groups and felt a complete lack of empathy to your situation.

The Bridgend & District Twins and Multiple Births Group is there to give genuine support to people in our situation from pregnancy onwards.

It is run by parents of multiples and meets in Pyle Life Centre every Friday morning between 10am-12pm.

As children get older, our numbers deplete and currently there is a very real risk of the club folding in January 2010.

I, personally, could not have coped without the club and will be devastated by its closure. There are many families out there with multiples that possibly do not know we exist.

Is it a struggle to leave the house? Do you have cabin fever? Do you look at your friends with a single pushchair and sometimes wonder, what if? Well, I think that must be normal.

What you have is amazing and something for those parents of one to marvel at how you manage to cope.

To quote from *Twins and Multiple Births* by Dr Carol Cooper: "How do mothers of singletons fill their day?!"

Without wishing to offend the majority of mothers, and being a mother of twins and a singleton, I can understand the sentiment!

Many people believe that having two babies is simply twice the work. They'd be wrong; having two is a whole new world.

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*Are you the parent, carer, or expectant mother of twins – or more?
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will hopefully help to guide you through the maelstrom!*



ABOVE: The twins, just arrived!

scan. The sonographer looks up at you, having been intently studying the white/grey/black shadows before them, they turn with a huge smile and enquire whether twins run in the family.

Your mind instantly makes the enormous leap from being pregnant to "Oh my God, it's twins", and from there on the pregnancy is considered 'high risk'.

You have consultants' appointments, you have monthly scans, your midwife doesn't stop telling you how many people are going to be in the delivery suite, and that's only if you manage a 'normal delivery'.

Carrying twins or more puts an incredible strain on the body so many women deliver early – reaching 36 weeks is the target.

If, like me, they arrive earlier, then a stay in SCBU (Special Care Baby Unit) is inevitable.

To say that I was scared is an understatement, but the staff of the SCBU at Princess of Wales, Bridgend, are amazing.

Many twins are born naturally and many almost full term. The hard work really starts when you bring your bundles home and suddenly the pressure is on.

Feeding is what takes up ALL of your time in the first few weeks. It doesn't matter whether bottle or breast-fed, feeding seems to be endless.

Having an adoring new-age father in tow certainly helps (the breast feeding can be hard for them though!).

Still, there are plenty of nappies he can change, or even wash if you decide to go down the reusable route. That's a whole other debate, but it is still possible and I felt was very cost effective.

If you do get a few moments' peace between feeds, then the only thing you can, and should do, is to sleep.

Once things have settled down and you have established the all important ROUTINE, try leav-



ABOVE:
The twins enjoying their day!

ing the house.

Hopefully, you managed to get a pram that fits through one door of the house (something to check before buying one).

Set the pram up, get two babies into suitable clothes, find blankets, have enough nappies to cover all eventualities, extra clothes – basically anything you need for one, but twice over.

So you have your rucksack loaded (no small, stylish, co-ordinating change bag for you!), babies in pram, ready to go – and it's time to feed again.

Okay, after this feed everything's ready. LEAVE THE HOUSE NOW!

You've done it, you manage to get to the top of the road. Wow! You've just realised that the world carried on while you were cooped up getting cabin fever.

It's surprising how good it feels to breathe fresh air. Once you've managed it, you realise having a bag permanently packed to go out is a must.

It won't be long before you're so organised that you can leave the house quicker than your friends with one baby.

A few notes on what to expect while you are out parading your 'freak show'. People are inherently curious about multiples and every second person has a link to twins and feels the need to tell you.

Be patient, they mean well. There will be a barrage of comments and questions, the most common after establishing the fact that they are twins being: "Are they identical?"

You look into the pram at your petite daughter (dressed in pink) and her handsome brother (dressed in blue), and reply sweetly: "No, this is a boy and this is a girl."

Resist the urge to reply: "Exactly what definition of 'identical' were you taught at school?!"

Despite having boy/girl twins I had to learn to accept this question, and although a lot of people find the identical/non-identical issue confusing, you just have to smile politely and carry on.

Now you need to socialise, so what do you do? There are plenty of groups around, but how do you do all those activities with twins?

The groups are usually all very welcoming but you do struggle with two, and at one group I was even told: "Not many twins return here."

I think that was more a polite observation, but it felt like "Don't bother, it's too hard!" Being determined, I did continue with the group. Each child has different needs and you can't do two things at once, so a second pair of hands is worth it wherever possible.

If, like myself, you don't have family on hand, then it may be worth enquiring about Home-Start, an organisation there to help families with at least one child under five who are struggling to cope.

Speak to your health visitor, or contact Home-Start directly at www.home-start.org.uk or call 0800 068 63 68.

If you haven't yet discovered TAMBA (Twins and Multiple Births Association) then do so now (www.tamba.org.uk). As the name suggests, they are there to help on just about any matter regarding multiples.

They have a very useful helpline (0800 138 0509) and people are on hand to answer your questions 24/7.

Meeting other people in your situation is critical to maintaining your sanity! Our local club is the Bridgend & District Twins and Multiple Births Group and we meet in Pyle Life Centre every Friday morning between 10am-12pm.

The advantage of this particular group is that it stays open during school holidays, when you often need support more than ever. For more information please contact alisonallen88@hotmail.com or call 07984 265049.

All are welcome at the club, whether expecting or already caring for multiples whatever their ages.

Be prepared though, if your babies need feeding you may be forced to have a cuppa while other club members feed them for you.

The club is a place for support and a chance to relax while multiple mayhem ensues all around!

The odds are that someone there has had a week like yours!

I think everyone agrees that being a parent is the hardest job in the world, but having multiples makes a hard job harder but the rewards are possibly greater.

Your children will always have a playmate, and of course they will squabble like any siblings, but the companionship and bond that they form is second to none.



ABOVE: Clare Roberts.

Clampdown on anti-social behaviour in Pencoed – by order

NEW measures to tackle anti-social behaviour caused by drinking have been approved for Pencoed.

The Bridgend County Borough Council cabinet gave the go-ahead for a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) after hearing of the success of a similar order operating in Bridgend town centre.

A spokesperson said that a DPPO does not ban alcohol in public places, but does give police additional enforcement powers, which means they can

ask an individual or group to stop drinking.

"They can also confiscate alcohol if they believe that the individual or group has been, is or is about to behave in an anti-social manner."

Over the last two months, the council had consulted the community of Pencoed and important partners like the police, town and community councils and the Community Safety Partnership, before deciding whether to approve the DPPO for the area.

Cabinet members heard that Pencoed suf-

fers from some alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and the proposal to bring in the order has been broadly welcomed locally.

Deputy leader Coun David Sage, said: "We know that the order in Bridgend has been very successful in tackling anti-social behaviour there and I am confident this will do the same for Pencoed."

"I'm pleased we are moving this forward, and hope that in the future we can introduce similar orders for Maesteg and Porthcawl town centres as well."

This goes a long way to improving the quality of lives for residents which is so important to us."

AGM hears of an action-packed year

THE annual meeting of Sker WI was held on October 8, at St David's Church Hall, Nottage, when president Nina Charlesworth welcomed 39 members and three visitors.

Cynthia Sidey read the annual report, reminding members of the highlights of the last year. Everyone agreed that Sker WI had enjoyed interesting speakers, taken part in numerous events organised by GFWI, been on enjoyable visits organised by the institute and had throughout the year supported all meetings.

A new committee was elected, and Nina Charlesworth was again elected as president. The retiring treasurer, Helga Clarke was thanked for her hard work over the last few years. Margaret Owen is now Sker's treasurer. Members then

SKER WI NEWS

enjoyed a quiz organised by Muriel Smith.

The president reminded members of the visit to the House of Commons on October 20; the Christmas Fayre in November and that Christmas shoeboxes would be collected at the church hall in November for distribution by the charity Samaritans' Purse.

The programme for 2010 is now completed, and again it promises members a variety of interesting speakers, who will be entertaining and informative.

Ladies are welcome to join us for friendly and interesting meetings. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at St. David's Church Hall, Nottage. For more information, contact secretary Cynthia Sidey on 01656 786218.

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Porthcawl RNLI gets £5,500 funding boost

PORTHCAWL RNLI fundraising committee is celebrating after realising £5,500 to support the volunteer crew at the lifeboat station.

Mrs Marj Abraham said: "We would like to thank all the people that helped raise this wonderful sum of £5,500.00 for the RNLI."

The fundraising efforts took place between Easter and September this year.

A centrepiece of that fundraising drive was a raffle, and once again there were some fantastic quilts offered as prizes, donated by the Bridgend Quilters and by friends of the lifeboats.

Other prizes included a gallon of whisky, and there were 16 raffle winners in all.

The winner of 'name the boat' was Emily of Porthcawl,

(Snow Goose).

Marj added: "The break down of the £5,500 is as follows: raffle tickets £2,415; books £2,083; photographs £152.50; donations £750.83; name the boat £99."

A list of winners can be found on the window of the lifeboat shop at Porthcawl Harbour, which is open every day until the end of October, then weekends until Christmas.

Marj said: "Get your Christmas cards and gifts now while we still have stock."

"If you can't get to the shop, our next function is at the Hi-Tide on November 14, 12 noon, at a price of £6-50 including lunch and coffee."

Tickets are available from the lifeboat shop or by telephoning 01656 784407. DR

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Kenfig choir's 38th annual concert has a Celtic theme

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KEITH E MORGAN

THE Kenfig Hill Male Choir of 59 voices gave its 38th annual concert recently in Pysgah Baptist Chapel, Kenfig Hill.

Among the audience were the choir's president, Win Griffiths and his wife Ceri, the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Jeff Tildesley and his consort Mrs. Audrey Thomas, and Luke Ellis, the chairman of Pyle Community Council.

The musical director of the choir is Philip Juliff, and the accompanists were Andrew Chinnock and Mrs Beryl Evans.

The master of ceremonies and compère was Tony Mullins of Maesteg, and the featured soloist was Eve Sherrett.

The choir opened the concert in an unusual manner by singing in the Breton language, O'Keltia, a Celtic welcome, from the four corners of the chapel.

The performance was a repeat of the programme that it gave during the recent, highly successful visit to Selby Abbey, Yorkshire.



RIGHT: Luke Ellis, chairman of Pyle Community Council arriving for the concert with Pauline James, the council's deputy chairman.



ABOVE: Win Griffiths and his wife Ceri, being welcomed by the choir's founder, musical director Arnold Tellam.



ABOVE: Win Griffiths welcoming Coun Jeff Tildesley and Mrs Audrey Thomas.

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Primesight Ltd – Texaco Garage, Pyle Road, Pyle – two internally illuminated single-sided freestanding display units.

Food Programme Delivery – Texaco Garage, Pyle Road, Pyle – four fascia signs and three information signs.

Mr D Williams – Flat 4, 17 Maesteg Road, Tondur, Bridgend – build wall 2.5m high and 2m inside boundary wall 5m long, roof over to existing height of the boundary.

Mr I Kinsey – Conway, 76 Park Court Road, Bridgend – conservatory to rear of ground floor extension (retrospective).

Mrs V Lewis – 2 Tynton Road, Bridgend – proposed disabled facilities consisting of single storey disabled bathroom at rear of dwelling.

Mr T Loveluck – 14 Bryn Llidiard, Litchard, Bridgend – replacement garage and side porch.

Taylor Wimpey South Wales – Areas R10 and R11 Parc Derwen, Coity, Bridgend – remove condition of 15 of 09/477 relating to internal dimensions of the detached single garages.

Mr D Mills – 4 Joslin Terrace, Litchard, Bridgend – single storey side porch extension.

Mr S Cox – 119

Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend – rear single storey kitchen extension, re-roofing over existing garage, extend front and rear dormers.

Mr C Evans – 34 Danygraig Avenue, Porthcawl – provide new pitched roof over existing flat roof to create storage area above.

Compute (Bridgend) Ltd – 31-35 Caroline Street, Bridgend – proposed awnings.

Stedan Estates – Oddfellows Court, Tonna road, Maesteg – four new houses.

Maesteg Town Council – land off Llynfi Road, Maesteg – install an automatic toilet on waste land in front of flower shop.

Mr A Bond – 23 Heol Croestry, Pencoe – rear and side extensions and detached garage with demolition of existing garage.

Hoe Property Development Ltd – land at Abergarw Farm, Brynmenyn, Bridgend – four detached houses and access road and retention of farm house.

Royal London Asset Mgt – Allied Carpets, Unit 3, Royal London Park, Waterton, Bridgend – certificate of lawfulness proposed for the installation of mezzanine floor.

Royal London Asset Mgt – Unit 6, Royal London Park, Waterton, Bridgend – certificate of

lawfulness proposed for installation of mezzanine floor.

Sidoli Brothers Ltd – 55 New Road, Porthcawl – demolish existing garage/store and build new building.

Mr P Baker – 1 Mill Lane, Bridgend – removal of part of front wall in conservation area.

Mrs Reed – Greensleeves, Penyfai, Bridgend – extensions to existing dwelling.

Mr and Mrs Hopkins – Ballas Farm, Heol y Sheet, Stormy Down, Pyle – conversion of existing farmhouse into country guest house.

Mr C Williams – Unit 1, junction Main Avenue and Heol West Plas, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend – retail sale and display of goods to visiting members of public class A1 shops.

Mr C Williams – Unit 1, Litchard Industrial Estate, Bridgend – retail sale and display of goods to visiting members of the public (Class A1 shops).

Mr D Bowen – 13 Clos Manteg, Broadlands, Bridgend – two storey rear extension and alterations.

CASTLE FOR HIRE (several careful owners!)

AVAILABLE to hire – one castle, numerous careful owners over the past 900 years!

Yvette gains degree



YVETTE MOOTHAM (formerly Angell) of Porthcawl, now living in Telford, Shropshire, received her Foundation degree in early childhood studies recently.

Many local people will remember Yvette as a hairdresser in Porthcawl, who for many years danced in the RAFA 'shows on a shoestring' at the Pavilion.

Bridgend Town Council has been told that CADW is now more receptive to the idea of letting out Newcastle Castle in Bridgend to organisations wishing to stage events in the castle grounds.

The town council has expressed the view that the castle is underused and does not attract many visitors.

CADW has now agreed to place an interpretative panel in the castle grounds in the near future, which will give visitors an outline of the castle's history.

In his 1955 book, *Bridgend – the story of a market town*, local historian Henry John Randall says that the origins of this castle are obscure, but it was one of three castles built in the area by the Normans.

Newcastle was built to defend the crossing of the River Ogmore where the old bridge now stands; the castle at Ogmore defended the crossing of the river Ewenny, and the castle at Coity defended the area against incursions from the north of the war-like people of the mountains.

There was probably an older pre-Norman fort on the site at Newcastle, which may well date from early Welsh times – but no Welsh name, according to Randall, exists for this area.

'Team Atlantic' get set to aid cancer charity

A TOTAL of 41 staff and friends of Atlantic Hotel, Porthcawl, are to embark on the challenge of a lifetime by taking part in the Cardiff Half Marathon this Sunday (October 18) on behalf of Breast Cancer Care Cymru.

They chose to run for the charity as the disease has affected several close friends of the hotel. As October is Breast Cancer awareness month, they put on a Pink Ladies Day, lunch and entertainment with proceeds for the charity. This year's event is on October 20, and everyone is welcome (but please book to avoid disappointment).

Team Atlantic's members come in all shapes and sizes and none of them are athletes, which means they will have to work a great deal harder. It has involved weeks of training, building their distance up bit by bit.

They have also had team runs, when as many members as possible train together, maintaining a strong sense of team spirit and support.

On the morning of the race, personalised t-shirts will be allocated as the team wait anxiously for their coach transport to the capital.

A total of 15,000 runners have been registered and the atmosphere

will be tremendous.

After the race, an exhausted Team Atlantic have been invited by Breast Cancer Care Cymru to the Parc Hotel for a post-run reception.

At 4pm, the 'after party' will begin in the Atlantic Hotel, with entertainment from acoustic trio Santori.

Phil Booth, proprietor of the Atlantic Hotel, said: "I am overwhelmed and extremely grateful for the response and support shown from the other 40 runners for participating in the Cardiff Half Marathon with myself."

Jay Sheppard, fundraiser for Breast Cancer Care Cymru, added: "Each year, more than 2,500 people in Wales receive the terrifying and isolating news that they have breast cancer. Our aim is to be there for every one of them, as well as their friends and families."

"The services that we offer are 100 per cent free of charge, which is only sustainable by the public offering kind donations, which is why the fundraising efforts of the Atlantic are so important to us."

"The efforts that the team are going to are absolutely amazing and for that I applaud them. I speak on behalf of everyone at breast cancer care when I say a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone involved!"

Candidate meets Metrix bosses

VALE Conservative candidate Alun Cairns has had two meetings with Metrix bosses since planners gave the green light for the Defence Technical College at St Athan.

Mr Cairns, who is also a Ewenny-based regional AM, said he had met chairman Charles Barrington and chief executive Jim Morrison to discuss what the next moves will be in the multi-billion pound development scheme.

"I wanted to offer my support for the project, but also urged them to understand the very real

concerns some residents have about certain elements of the scheme," he said.

"I am pleased to say that they have both given me a commitment to work with the community to try and overcome some of these issues."

"I have also met the chief executives of the two main investment companies and stressed to them the importance of working with local people."

"We also discussed how local firms and contractors could benefit once the work starts to roll out."

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'CLAPPERED-OUT' BELL SOUNDS AGAIN AT KENFIG CHURCH

AFTER nearly two years' silence due to the loss of its clapper, the bell at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, is ringing out again to call parishioners to worship.

It was necessary to erect scaffolding in order to service both the church clock, and to repair the bell.

When the work was finished, the bell was re-dedicated by the Rev Richard Spencer, and commissioned by bell-ringer, Keith Morgan.

Mr Morgan added: "It is a tricky bell to operate; it cannot be tolled, but requires an engineer's knowledge and finger-tip control to pull the bell-cord at the right tension and balance to get the bell to actually ring out."



ABOVE:
Scaffolding around the bell tower at the church.

End of the road for Bridgend town landmark

DETAILS about plans to demolish a Bridgend landmark building have been revealed.

Centre Great Ltd, which owns the Embassy Cinema at the gateway to Bridgend, has submitted a letter which Bridgend Town councillors have now received.

It states the company wants to demolish the Embassy, which was opened in 1939, as it has not been in use for almost ten years. After it closed as a cinema in 1986, the building became the Ritz Bingo Hall until that too, closed.

The building is owned by businessman Mel Mathias, owner of the Centre Great group of companies. Long term, he wants to develop the

site to include a multi-storey car park, shops and a hotel. However, once the building has been demolished, the land will be surfaced and used as a parking lot in the short term.

This will give an extra 70 parking spaces in close proximity to the town centre. The plans have been approved by Bridgend planners.

Bridgend Town Council leader David Unwin said that while many people might regret the loss of the Embassy, the fact remained that the building was now in a very poor condition and did nothing to enhance the appearance of the town, or give visitors a very good impression.

He felt that the Embassy had reached the end of the road and needed to go.

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ABOVE:
The Rev Richard Spencer re-dedicates the bell as Keith Morgan waits to make it ring out over Kenfig Hill.

WI movement is on the rise!

MERTHYR MAWR WI

THE AGM was held recently and president Margaret Batten opened the meeting by welcoming the county adviser Judith Lucas.

Jane Jenkins gave the treasurer's report, followed by the secretary's report from Alice Coulter, who gave a resume of activities over the last year and said the average attendance at our meetings was 36.

The president then gave her report, thanking Sheila Watts Jones (who has just resigned from the committee after 10 years), for all her hard work and support.

She welcomed a new committee member, Beth Budd, and thanked the committee for their hard work over the year, and members for supporting WI activities.

County adviser Judith Lucas, addressed the

meeting and spoke about the strength of the WI in Glamorgan, how it has grown and developed, increasing by 2.5 per cent over the last year.

Since its start in 1915 in Llanfair PG, the WI has worked to improve the lives and conditions of rural women. A big change came in 1965, when the WI was allowed to open up in urban areas.

Margaret Batten was unanimously re-elected as president.

Members were then reminded of forthcoming events - a visit to the ballet later this month, the half-yearly council meeting in November and the link carol service in December.

The next meeting will be in November at Ewenny community hall, when the speaker will be Geoff Woods, whose topic is 'Comic Characters of Stage and Screen'.

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'Increase trains' says candidate

IN a response to the Wales Transport Plan consultation, which came to an end on October 12, Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has called for an increase in trains making the run between Barry and Bridgend.

He explained: "The re-opening of the Vale line that links Rhosce and Llantwit Major with Bridgend, Barry and Cardiff has been a great success, but residents need a more regular service than just one an hour.

"Recent announcements made by Ieuan Wyn Jones, the Minister for Economy and Transport, and Network Rail mean that there will be more trains through central Cardiff because of £7m of improvements.

"This will also improve rail access to the airport at Rhosce, so that visitors to Wales, will have a more pleasant arrival."

CHURCH EVENTS

TONDU Methodist Wesley Church is holding an autumn fayre on Saturday, October 17, from 11am-3pm with light lunches being served between 12pm-2pm.

There will be craft and cake stalls, tombola and more.

Aberkenfig and District United Churches are holding a Songs of Praise special service on Friday, October 30, at 7pm in the church.

St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid, is organising a table top sale at the Sarn life long learning centre on Saturday, October 17, between 9.30am-12noon.

This is an ideal opportunity to purchase presents for Christmas. Tables cost £5. Telephone Kay/Maureen on 01656 767135/723512.

Sports

coaching YOUNGSTERS in Sarn have the opportunity to be coached in rugby league by the Celtic Crusaders, on the open ground between Filco supermarket and the Tyn-Y-Coed surgery every Thursday from 6pm until mid-December.

This is open to youngsters of all ages and abilities. With support from police community officers, they will take part in friendly rugby matches in the neighbourhood, including playing teams from Caerau, Wildmill and Nantymoel.

There will also be a tag festival at the end of each month involving every youngster in this coaching scheme.

Contact Phil Davies on 01656 725399 for further information.

Heating advice

Communities First Sarn are holding a Keep Well, Keep Warm This Winter event

today (October 15, 2pm-4pm) at Bryncethin hall.

They will supply information on energy efficiency, diet and nutrition, health matters, health homes checks for people over 50.

For further information, contact Phil Davies on 01656 815139.

Disco time Children first holding a children's Halloween fancy dress disco at Bryncethin Memorial Hall on October 29 between 6pm-7.45pm.

Suitable for children up to 11 years old, there will also be face painting for £1. Admission is £1.

For further information, contact Jan Phillips on 01656 725546.

School rugby MR M Griffiths, the headteacher of Tynyrheol Primary School, Llangeinor, has entered a rugby team from the school in a 10-a-side rugby tournament at Porthcawl RFC tomorrow (Friday, October 16).

There will be a parents' evening at the school on Monday, October 19, between 3.30pm-6.30pm to discuss issues which may affect pupils.

On October 21 at 9.30am, the school will be holding its special harvest festival service at the Calfarfa Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Sankey evening

ON Friday, October 16, at 7pm there will be a special evening of song at Horeb Baptist

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Chapel, Nantymoel, presented by Mr Creighton Lewis.

He will be talking about Ira D Sankey, composer and gospel singer.

For further information, contact Pastor Chris Bute on 01443 675424.

Ira D Sankey was born on August 28, 1840, and died on August 13, 1908. When he was a young man, he served as a soldier in the American Civil War. After the war he worked with the young men's Christian association (YMCA). He became well-known as a gospel singer, and through his singing met evangelist Dwight Lyman Moody.

In October 1871 during the great Chicago fire, the two men saved their lives by taking a row boat out onto Lake Michigan.

Sankey composed about 1,200 songs with his partner Fanny Crosby.

WI meets

FOLLOWING the recent meeting of Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute, arrangements were made for the last few events of the year, the first being the autumn conference at Barry Memorial Hall on October 26, followed by a visit by coach on October 28 to the Aubrey Arms for lunch.

At the meeting on November 11, the speaker will be Barbara Forte, whose subject has the intriguing title of 'Telling the Tale' and on

December 9 is the Christmas party.

Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy.

In June 2010, this institute celebrates its 30th anniversary and seeks new members to help celebrate this achievement.

The South and West Wales Wildlife Trust

THE Trust is holding special events leading to Christmas at Parc Slip nature reserve visitor centre, Tondur.

There is to be a special Halloween event for young children aged up to six years of age October 28 between 1pm-3pm. There will be a spooky trail around the reserve, with craft making activities to follow.

Find out what comes to life after dark at Parc Slip with a ghostly walk around the reserve between 5.30pm-7pm.

On November 17, between 4pm-6pm, there will be early evening walk around the reserve to see if the children can spot a real live badger.

Booking is essential for all events. The cost is £1.50 per child and under-8s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Telephone 01656 724100.

On December 8 between 10am-12noon, children will be able to follow a festive trail of snowmen around the reserve and make some seasonal crafts.

GEM Quiz League round-up

THE new season of the Bridgend GEM Quiz League got under way on Monday, October 5, with no big surprise results.

League champions Royal Oak Nomads who, like most other teams, found the written section a bit steep, garnering just 22 points from it, then pulled away from opponents Llangeinor AFC and eventually won 47-34.

Two other teams scored 47-38 wins, Maesteg Catholic Club beating Tondur Railway Club and Mackworth Arms winning away to Laleston Inn A.

Royal Oak Royals did well to win away to Oldcastle A. (Jeff North getting the winning points in 'injury time').

The other Division One game resulted in a 40-all draw between Llynfi Arms and Prince of Wales A.

In Division Two, the

Llangeinor Arms had the highest score when beating Pyle RFC by 55-44. Heol-y-Cyw RFC had a worthy 50 against Laleston Inn B's 30 and Swan Poachers accounted for Oldcastle B by 47-44.

Prince of Wales B got their season off to a good start with a 43-39 victory against Oddfellows Arms.

The Gamekeepers were unable to fulfil their fixture at the Cabo Roche.

Here are your four-for-thought:
1. Which Tudor King united the houses of Lancaster and York when he married Elizabeth of York in 1486?

2. Which coin introduced in 1971 as one of the new decimal coins was discontinued in 1984?

3. Which former world heavyweight boxing champion refereed the second Clay v Liston fight in 1965?

4. Which British film director and restaurant critic is the founder and chairman of the Police Memorial Fund?

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ANSWERS:
1 Henry VII
2 Half-pence piece
3 Jersey Joe Walcott
4 Michael Winner

SAMARITANS FUNDRAISERS

WE would like to say very many thanks to Rainbow Plaza for allowing us to set up our Samaritans Volunteer Awareness Stall recently.

Apart from gaining some much-needed Samaritan 'listeners', we also raised £60!

Our next fundraising event will be our Halloween table top sale on October 31, at Llantwit Major, Llantwit Major, with tricks, treats and tasty

Welsh cakes. Anyone who would like to have a table can call 01446 796471. We would also be grateful if someone could come and facepaint for us.

We are now the only fundraising group in the Vale who directly support Bridgend, and all money raised goes towards keeping the phone lines open at Bridgend for Christmas.

We would like to thank everyone who supports us.

Julie (Llantwit Major Friends of the Bridgend Samaritans)

THEY READ ABOUT IT IN THE GEM!

A spokesperson for the Rhose Art Group said its annual exhibition on Saturday, October 10, was a huge success.

"We would like to convey our thanks to everyone who attended."

"We meet every Wednesday at St Peter's Church,

Stewart Road, Rhose, between 1.30pm-4pm on Wednesday, and 2pm-5pm on Saturday. New members are always welcome.

"Thanks to The GEM for mentioning us. Lots of people read about it in The GEM and came to see the exhibition," the spokesperson added.

News from Barry Ladies Choir

ON October 6, the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, hosted a coffee morning at the Civic Offices, in aid of the Barry Ladies Choir.

In less than two hours of selling a variety of goods, the ladies made more than £500.

In the evening, the choir gave a concert at Llandough Baptist Church.

The church is celebrating its 150th anniversary and is the oldest Free Church in the Penarth and Llandough parish.

The minister, Reverend Garland, hosted the evening, and conductor Alice Jones kept the audience smiling with her anecdotes between songs, both religious and secular.

The programme was enhanced by solos and poetry, and by the playing of accompanist Emma Arcott.

The church ladies then provided the choir with refreshments, very gratefully received. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The choir is having a very successful year, and is inviting new members to join. We practice at Crossways Church, Barry, on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm.

CAROLE WILLS

BARRY MEN'S FORUM NEWS

Problems of wildlife crime

THE speaker at Barry Men's Forum on October 8 was PC Marc Goulding.

He gave a presentation on his job entitled, 'Wildlife and Environmental Crime'. He is the only officer in the Vale doing this work and his illustrated talk summarised and explained his wide remit and duties.

It was a surprise to most of the audience how widespread the problems are, some of them quite horrific.

Marc's slides showed pictures indicating different types of crimes covering protected birds, badgers and other wildlife, and the use of illegal traps.

Another aspect dealt with the import or smug-

gling of protected species via airports, including Cardiff Airport.

Some odd cases were brought to prominence by criminals advertising their ill-gotten gains on E-Bay!

Marc cited the case where a large section of dinosaur footprints were removed from the well-known Bendricks site and put up for sale!

Members found this to be an unusual and absorbing talk.

Barry Men's Forum holds its AGM on October 15, and the following Thursday, the speaker will be Roger Pinkham, who will give a talk on Edouard Manet.

PETER WESTCOTT

Brynhill diary

Christmas fayre

BRYNHILL Golf Club in Barry, is holding a Christmas fayre on Tuesday, November 17.

There will be a variety of stalls and a raffle. Food and drink is available. £1 entry. Doors open at 7pm. All are welcome.

Annual dinner

THE Brynhill ladies annual dinner is being held at the clubhouse, on November 20, at 7.30pm.

Ladies AGM

THE annual general meeting is on Tuesday, November 24, at 8pm in the clubhouse.

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REPORT WARNS OF MAJOR RISKS TO COUNCIL SERVICES

A CORPORATE risk register prepared by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has spelled out all the threats presented to council services.

The report analyses the risks faced by directorate and sets it against the reduction in public spending being predicted by all political parties after the 2010 general election.

The report states: "The whole of local government will face a period of severe budget constraint. This will impact on the ability of the council to deliver services and the wider economic activity and development of the county borough."

It goes on: "The council will enter a period of budget constraint, while demands on services will increase. Difficult decisions will have to be made about competing priorities."

The council will have to find savings of £20m between now and 2013. Directors are looking for savings because there is no chance of using

by JAYNE ISAAC

reserves to keep current services going.

The report also warns that lower settlements from the Welsh Assembly Government, plus a drop in income from business rates, will all squeeze the council's budget.

The report says that since April 2008, there has been an increase in social security claimants in the area of 11 per cent. At the same time, council tax revenue and other income is at risk because of the recession.

The need to remodel adult social care because of the increase in the number of old people has already been spelled out in the arguments over the closure of Troed-y-Ton home in Kenfig Hill.

Officers have said that the current provision of home care and other services is unsustainable and changes have to be made.

The report reveals that the council is having problems with staffing costs because of the need to evaluate all jobs under the equal pay

laws - which will increase outgoings. It warns that the £7m already set aside is unlikely to be enough.

The council may have to divert money from other areas to cover these costs - and to cover its pension scheme, which is "under-resourced".

There are also problems because of "unacceptably" high sickness absence levels among council staff.

One of the major areas of concern remains leisure services, and the report says that the present set-up is unsustainable.

Despite the investment of £10m in recent years, many leisure buildings cannot be made safe or attractive to customers within the budget.

The report goes on: "Outdated, unattractive and unsafe leisure facilities will mean fewer visits from existing customers and an inability to attract new sections of the community. The result will be a less healthy population."

The report states that less than 10 per cent of the population of Bridgend use these facilities - the lowest in Wales.

Reconfiguration of the service, which will

need widespread political support, is required or the buildings will continue to deteriorate.

A review of sport and recreation is due to be concluded and its recommendations will have to be implemented; and there is also a warning about Porthcawl regeneration.

The report says that Phase 1 of the scheme has already had to change to concentrate on the retail aspects.

Regeneration projects worth £120m in total in the borough could be in jeopardy because of public spending limits.

The council is doing its best by altering the timing of land sales and the phasing of payments and introducing a flexible phasing of the development.

The exchange of contracts will be delayed to allow time for a market recovery.

The report concludes that the reduced settlements from WAG and the difficult economic climate will mean hard political decisions will be needed.

It warns: "Failure to deal with these issues could result in the risks identified in this document not being addressed."

The report was accepted by the full council at its meeting last week.

NEW SCHEME SHOULD BOOST TOURISM

Council's thumbs-up for Llynfi Valley cycle route

A new community route for cyclists and walkers is to be provided in the Llynfi Valley.

Bridgend's cabinet has agreed to link up with Sustrans and five other councils to develop the Valleys Cycle Network, which will include a community route from

Maesteg to Caerau. The work will be covered by a £342,000 grant.

The Valleys Cycle Network was launched in 2007 by the cycling charity Sustrans, and it envisages a network of 277 miles of new walking and cycling routes across the south

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

Wales valleys.

They will use the former tramways, railways and canal towpaths that remain from the area's industrial past to create a "world class" network of cycling and walking routes.

These will stretch from Abergavenny in the east to Kidwelly in the west, and the paths will stretch into each valley, linking the main towns, visitor attractions and employment sites.

The tracks will encourage economic regeneration and

inward investment by making the valleys more attractive to visitors.

The first phase of the project, which will cost £7.6m, includes a scheme to create a community route within the Llynfi Valley from Maesteg to Caerau.

It is unclear in the report if this will follow the same line as a previous community route created along the track of one of the old railway lines running from the rear of Talbot Terrace up through Nantyllyn

to Caerau square.

But this is likely as the report states that the route will be used by pupils attending the new Comprehensive School built nearby at South Parade, as part of a School Travel Plan.

It will also link at the top end to a new route recently agreed to link Caerau to Croeserw and to tie in to cycle tracks in the Afan Valley.

The council has to agree to maintain the new route to an acceptable standard as part of the deal.

Rhigos' power pack have too much muscle for the police

SOUTH WALES Police welcomed Rhigos to Waterton Cross where the visitors made their intentions clear from the start, with a big pack of forwards taking control and driving the ball upfield every chance they were given.

Although Rhigos piled on the pressure, solid defence work from centre Rod Jenkins, hooker Carl Davies, and outside half Ryan Miles

kept them at bay.

The Police suffered an early blow however, losing influential back row forward Jason Davies with a shoulder injury.

Rhigos set up another driving maul and, with sustained and controlled forward play, they forced their way towards the line to go over for a try that went unconverted.

Poor discipline cost the Police another three points. They did have a chance to pull three points back before half time, but the penalty

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went wide.

The second half was a game of missed chances and poor decision making for the Police, but they did manage to keep the visitors down to a solitary try in the second half.

This was another setback for the Police, who

now realise that they must maintain control of possession when so much effort has gone into gaining the ball.

Poor handling, poor decision-making and missed tackles again cost the Police in this fixture.



Police hooker Karl Davies goes on another powerful run

Maesteg bus station work has to wait

THERE is no time scale for work to revamp Maesteg bus station - despite demands that the work be done before the worst of the winter weather.

A council spokesman told The GEM that there was no fixed time-scale, although an improvement programme is under way to deal with the pigeon problem and also improve the waiting area with some redecoration.

The sticky issue of the bus station has come up several times at Maesteg Town Council, but last year, Coun Keith Edwards promised to raise it at the county borough and get action.

The bus station has no enclosed areas for passengers to sit and has been blighted by broken guttering and down pipes, broken paviers, weeds and pigeon droppings.

Coun Phil Jenkins has been campaigning for the waiting area to be enclosed with new floor-

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Farewell to 'Our Rhodri' - BUT THERE ARE FRESH CHALLENGES UP AHEAD

I WAS fortunate to be in the conference hall in Brighton when the First Minister the Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan made his last speech as Labour's First Minister for Wales.

The bright sunshine outside was reflected in the hall as he spoke with humour and compassion about his service to Wales over the past decade, and the delegates responded warmly.

As his Education Minister, it was particularly welcome that he chose to speak about his support for the investment in early years education through the pioneering Foundation Phase, benefiting our three-five-years-olds with 1:8 adult/pupil ratios now making such a difference in our schools.

Last week, I announced a further investment of £76m to be allocated to local authorities for the Foundation Phase, with an increase of £22m for 2010-11.

He also spoke about the internationally-renowned PROACT scheme promoted and delivered by my department, helping businesses through the recession, including companies in the Vale, with financial assistance to

provide training for employees on a shorter working week with a wage subsidy, upskilling them ready for the upturn in the economy.

On a lighter note, I was pleased that he chose to report on his enjoyment of swimming at Barry Island in our blue flag Whitmore Bay over the wonderful September weeks of fine weather.

He joked that he had been swimming on a day when the life savers were out practising, and a boat had drawn up by his side and a young life saver asked politely: "Are you alright, sir?" He felt that might have been a sign that he was ready for retirement!

The First Minister's return to Wales was shortly followed with the announcement of his retirement - and a timetable for the selection of his successor.

The tributes have been flowing in from far and wide, and the feeling of 'the end of an era' is linked to this very special and remarkable man, who has led us through the early days of devolution with a stamp of authority, credibility and wisdom which is his own, and leads people to call him 'our Rhodri'.

His special touch, which has been so important, has been his

willingness and ability to relate to everyone and anyone who wants to engage with him, making sense of government in a very real way.

His formidable intellect and memory, as well as his wide-spread experience in economic development and European affairs before he went into politics, have helped make his contribution so outstanding in government.

But never fear, his retirement from his post as First Minister will not mark his retirement from politics. He will stay as the Assembly Member for Cardiff West until the next election in May 2011, and he will be active in politics far beyond that - and I am sure we will see more of him on Barry Island, enjoying his brave dips into the sea at Whitmore Bay as well as at our sports stadiums in Cardiff, cheering Wales and our Welsh teams with the fans.

Over the next few weeks, with his guidance, we will rise to the challenge of one of the most difficult budget settlements we have faced as Ministers, having enjoyed a steady period of growth over the past 10 years.

In my role as Education Minister, I have referred to this as a 'reform and perform' budget, seeking to sustain the momentum for far-reaching and progressive reforms like the Foundation Phase and the Welsh Baccalaureate.

In the draft budget which is now being scrutinised by our Assembly committees, I have ensured that the budget for the Welsh Bacc will increase this year as planned, for the roll out of this 'success story' for Wales.

I have also made available an additional £1.5m for our Wales-wide school counselling scheme, and secured a further £2.5m for our youth services in Wales with new guidance for our youth strategy, ready to be launched

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

during the forthcoming Youth Work Week in November.

Arguably, the most important announcement in my draft budget is the £20.5m I am investing in measures to prevent youth unemployment, and invest in education and skills training for our young people with £13m for the Pathways to Apprenticeships scheme, additional places in Skillbuild, support for Careers Wales and the Young Persons Guarantee.

The investment in the school buildings will continue apace in partnership with our local authorities as the 21st Century school capital funds are enhanced by funding from the central budget of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Last week, I visited the new Newport High School in Bettws, due to be finished by the end of the month. The 165-strong workforce on site (including 12 apprentices) will move to their next school building project in Bridgend, and contracts are now being signed off across Wales with the £170m programme I announced earlier this year.

In the Vale, the school building programme will also progress with our backing.

This is a budget for the delivery of the best education policies for the people of Wales to help us take forward the challenges, with the knowledge and understanding of what we can achieve, largely learnt from our First Minister for Wales, Rhodri Morgan AM.

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News update from the Rotary Club of Bridgend

THE photographs on this page graphically illustrate the varied activities of this busy branch of Rotary.

ELWYN WILLIAMS

BELOW:

The Rotary Club of Bridgend and Bridgend Stroke Fund presented a cheque to Ward 5 of the Princess of Wales Hospital, for the purchase of four specialist wheelchairs for their patient after-care.



ABOVE: BARFC under-14s new kit – the Rotary Club of Bridgend sponsored new shorts for Bridgend Athletic under-14s as part of an ongoing relationship with the team and Ian Greenman, one of their coaches. Ian said: "With the 'credit crunch' hitting businesses, money is tight and we were let down at the last minute by a sponsor whose business had been affected by the downturn in the economy. Western Power stepped in with jersey sponsorship and the Rotary Club of Bridgend stepped in with the shorts sponsorship, following on from the previous year's sponsorship on tackle bags and ruck pads and health and safety equipment required by the team to comply with the coaching requirements and regulations."

RIGHT: The boys put the new kit into action.



ABOVE:

Bridgend Rotarians and Bridgend Stroke Fund accept four wheelchairs from Jason Ashman, managing director of 'Reval Continuing Care' in Brynmynyn, who helped to supply the wheelchairs – which cost more than £3,500 – at a substantially reduced cost.



ABOVE: Gerald McCarthy, commercial manager at the Brewery Field, is inducted into the Rotary Club of Bridgend, with proposer Neil Solman. This now takes membership up to 41 (32 male and nine female) a gain of 20, since the membership drive started in March 2008.



ABOVE: Peter Jones, headmaster of Brackla Junior School, and teachers Vicky and Simon talk to the Rotary Club on the feedback on 'Rotary Kids out Day' when 40 children from the school visited the Gower Heritage Centre.

The Rotary Club of Maesteg and Porthcawl also took schools from their locality on the same trip.



LEFT:

Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Bridgend and past president John Billett on his visit to the club, John ran a jewellery business in Bridgend prior to retiring and moving to Scotland to live. He is seen here talking to Gwyn Thomas, catching up on what has happened since his last visit.

Local athletes run Cardiff half-marathon for Velindre hospital



PHOTOGRAPH by IAN DIXON

Council tax lowered for Servicemen

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, Brian Gibbons, of plans to reduce council tax on second homes for armed service personnel.

Dr Brian Gibbons said he intends to introduce a 50 per

cent discount on council tax on second homes owned by armed service personnel in Wales.

This announcement comes after a campaign organised by Rhondda MP Chris Bryant, and supported by Mrs Moon and fellow Labour MPs in south Wales.

They wrote to Brian Gibbons on September 24, highlighting the anomaly where in Scotland and

England, an automatic 50 per cent reduction on family homes is enacted.

Therefore, Welsh service families are the only ones in the UK charged twice.

Mrs Moon commented: "I welcome the speedy response by Brian Gibbons in rectifying this anomaly, and I am sure this announcement will be welcomed by the numerous service personnel in my constituency and across Wales."

A GROUP of runners from Peterston-super-Ely has entered the Cardiff half-marathon this Sunday (October 18).

The group were sponsored by friends and villagers in support of cancer charities including Velindre Cancer Centre and Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre.

They have been training hard in the Vale over recent weeks and are a mixture of club runners from Bridgend and first time half-marathoners!

Five from Down Under check out Porthcawl!



ABOVE: Porthcawl Rotarians say 'welcome to Wales!'

FIVE Australians from the Adelaide area were hosted recently by members of the Porthcawl Rotary Club.

They were in Wales on a fact-finding tour of south Wales to assist them in their work in Australia. The group included a pharmacist, a teacher, a farmer, a planner and a water conservator.

Such groups are hosted by Rotary Clubs throughout the world, as part of an exchange of ideas and culture between countries. A group from Wales will make the trip to Australia shortly.

Apart from seeing a variety of 'Elvis's dur-

ing their stay which coincided with Porthcawl's Elvis Festival, the Rotary Clubs in the area also ensured that the group enjoyed local hospitality and visited many places of interest.

The photograph shows the group accompanied by the president of the Porthcawl Rotary Club, Bobby Lewis, together with assistant governors Sandra Townsend and Clive Edwards.

The group gave a very interesting presentation on their home area to a number of Rotary Clubs, including Bridgend, Maesteg, Swansea and Porthcawl at the Hi Tide Inn.

The visit is part of a project known as the

group study exchange, which was started in 1965 by Rotary International. Since then, more than 12,000 teams from 100 different countries have taken part.

The teams consist of one Rotarian as leader and four non Rotarians aged between 25 and 40.

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Police hunt two who attacked man at home

TWO men are being sought by police after a 46-year-old North Cornelly man was attacked at home between 8pm-10pm on Monday, October 5.

A Bridgend police spokesman stated that the two men, both around 5ft 8ins tall and of medium build, gained

entry to the victim's maisonette and assaulted him. The victim was taken to Morriston hospital, Swansea, where he was treated for injuries to his head, hand and body.

Detective Sergeant John Richards of Bridgend CID said: "This was an unprovoked attack on a man in his own home. I would like to reassure the pub-

lic that an incident such as this is very rare and we are treating this assault very seriously and will make every effort to bring the perpetrators to justice."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant John Richards at Bridgend CID on 01656 679 518 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police investigate the death of Porthcawl man

POLICE are investigating circumstances surrounding the death of a 36-year-old man at Lake View Close, Porthcawl, early on October 8.

They went to an address in Lake View Close at about 1am, following a report that a man had collapsed.

"The man was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

"Officers are treating the death as unexplained," a spokeswoman reported. The officers are appealing to anyone who was in the vicinity of Lake View Close during the early

hours that morning and may have seen or heard anything suspicious to contact them.

"Anyone with infor-

mation is asked to contact officers on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111," she added.

Man (42) helping police after death

A 42-year-old man was said to be helping police with their enquiries, following the death of a 24-year-old woman at Coity Road, Bridgend on October 8.

Officers went to Coity Road following a report that the woman had collapsed.

She was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Family members were notified and a file prepared for the coroner, a police spokeswoman stated.

Anyone with information was asked to contact Detective Sergeant Claire Huish at Bridgend CID on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Masterplan gets the go ahead

APPROVAL has been given for a masterplan to be drawn up for Bridgend town.

The cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council has given the go-ahead for officers to work on preparing the document, which will provide a planned approach to development and inward investment into the area.

Although the town centre has undergone major regeneration in recent years, the work has not included the immediate area that surrounds the town centre.

The masterplan will identify key development

opportunities and key sites and gateways like the Embassy Cinema, the Rhiw, the Brackla Shopping Centre and Wilkinson's car park.

The plan will aim to ensure that any developments that take place on sites outside of the retail core supports the town centre rather than competing with it and that proper links are also created.

Coun John Spanswick, who is the cabinet member for communities, said the master plan would help the council "sell" Bridgend to would-be developers and give the council control over what the town will look like in future.

INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF FABERGE

NEWTON PORTHCAWL WI NEWS

THE October monthly meeting took place in Gilgal Church Hall Woodland Avenue on October 7 and the first item on the agenda was a talk on Peter Carl Faberge, given by Lillian Charles.

She kept members enthralled with tales of his life and work. The talk was accompanied by stills of his jewel-encrusted works, magnificent in their intricacy and beauty. Once only to be seen by their wealthy owners, now surviving pieces can be viewed in museums and royal collections.

The luncheon club will meet and eat on October 21 at the Fairways Hotel, and then on October 26, a council meeting is to be held in

Barry's Memorial Hall from 11am-3.30pm.

Christmas Child boxes are going to be collected at the November monthly meeting, or can be brought to the craft meeting on November 2.

On November 13, there is the Christmas fair at Trinity Church from 10.30am-1pm, with well-filled, festive stalls, together with a tombola and homemade cakes.

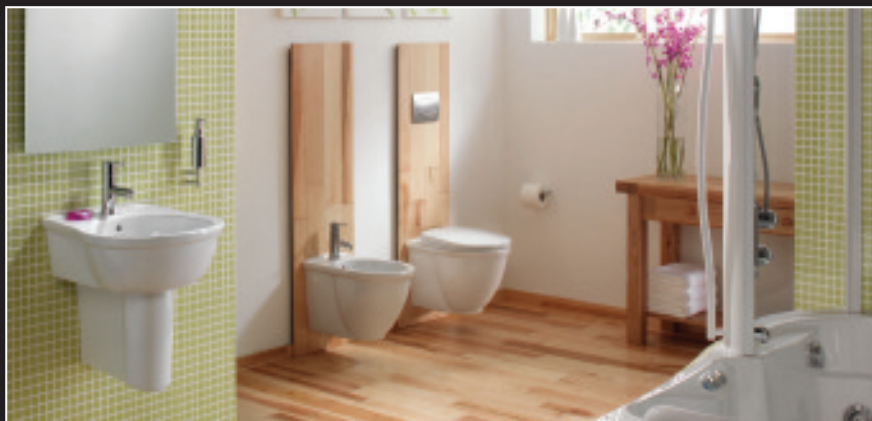
On November 23, there will be a very festive day entitled 'Deck the Halls' in St David's Hall Cardiff, a celebration of Christmas, with stands full of Christmas goodies and the day finishing off for us with a meal at St Mary's Golf Club.

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Glory for swimmers at memorial gala

BARRY Amateur Swimming Club held its third annual Lez Rogers Memorial Gala recently, at Barry Leisure Centre.

The event is held in memory of Lez, who died in Australia in 2006 representing Wales in ten-pin bowling. Lez did so much for the club and Kay, his wife, Carianne, his daughter, who still belong to the club, wanted to do something in his memory. Barry ASC also welcomed Lez's family to watch the event.

Pontypridd, Llandarcy, Rhondda and Blaenafon attended the event to take part.

Barry was on top form with a first place in the second event, the 4 x 25m boys under-10 medley relay, winning

in a time of 01m.28s.90h, which was more than seven seconds ahead of the second-placed team Blaenafon.

This was followed by another first place in the 4 x 50m girls under-12 medley relay in a time of 02m.24.97, finishing more than 15 seconds ahead. The Barry relay teams won a total of nine relays out of 17, so well done to the teams.

In the individual events, Amy Drew won her 50m breaststroke race in a time of 42.34, which was fantastic.

Georgia Looker also came in first place in the 50m fly in a time of 33.62, which was more than eight seconds faster than the second-placed team Rhondda.

Lauren Williamson then came in first place in the same age group

with her win in the 50m freestyle in a time of 30.06.

Not to be outdone, Lauren Blake came first in the 50m backstroke in a time of 38.25, which was more than 10 seconds faster than the second place swimmer.

The same four swimmers also won their freestyle 4 x 50m relay in a time of 02m.10.7. This meant that the under-12 girls won every race they entered.

Tristan Cuer took first place in the boys 50m freestyle in a time of 32.43, just beating Llandarcy, last year's winners of the overall event.

In the under-14 girls 50m backstroke, Alana Wilson, club captain, led from the front and took first place in a time of 35.38.

Rhys Perry, in the

boys open, took first place in the 100m fly in a time of 01m.07.78, with Blaenafon chasing his heels in second place.

Throughout the event it was very close between Barry ASC and Llandarcy, with each club jostling for first place.

After 40 events, it was a tie at 146 each, but Barry started to pull ahead and, with a brilliant finish in the canon, took first place and won the overall event with a total points of 185, with Llandarcy taking second place with 173 points.

After careful consideration, chief coach Malcolm Wilson decided that Naiomi Everitt and Sam Smith were awarded with the 'swimmer of the meet' medals for stepping in at short notice to swim in older age groups.

All the swimmers worked extremely hard in supporting each other and cheering on their team mates. A big thank you must go to all the officials and helpers, as without their help the event would not have been such a success.

If you would like a trial to join Barry Amateur Swimming Club, please telephone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

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Cowbridge catwalk gets Fashion Week off to a great start!

COWBRIDGE Fashion Week got off to a great start with its catwalk event in the town last Thursday evening (October 8).

Large crowds watched the models strut their stuff in a parade which started at the Market Place – and ended at Eastgate.

Each participating shop had three models dressed in some of their classiest clothes and carrying special umbrellas bearing the name of the shop – which was a very handy reference point to let you know where those clothes could be seen afterwards.

Thankfully, the

by JAYNE ISAAC

umbrellas were not needed to fulfil their primary role, as the weather remained fine and dry. There were also fire-eaters and stilt walkers adding a bit of glamour to the event.

The town's fashion shops had a length of red carpet outside and some other non-clothes shops were also open as well, although the ones who remained closed missed out with so many potential customers in town!

There was hospitality and entertainment laid on in most of the participating shops, and that included belly dancers and a Spanish guitarist!

Every shop offered

customers a glass of bubbly and some nibbles – and one even staged a full scale buffet.

There was a lovely atmosphere as people chatted to friends and had a look at the clothes on offer, and it would appear that people were not just looking but buying as well.

Emma Hartman of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, which organised the event, said that the town was buzzing: "The shops were packed. You couldn't get through the door of some of them and shopkeepers have reported that they did really well with lots of sales. We are delighted

– it was a great evening."

She reported that some shops had to send out for a second, and even a third lot of champagne!

"We were pleased to see many of our regular customers, but it was lovely to see new faces as well and to welcome people to Cowbridge who would not normally shop here."

"It was a great event to promote the town," Emma said.

She added that the fashion lunch and the black-tie dinner were both complete sell-outs with waiting lists for tickets.

All the proceeds will go to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice at Sully.

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Other pictures are available from this event.

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Pink aerobics raise £1,000 for charity

MORE than 50 people turned Penarth Leisure Centre into a "pink frenzy" for a charity aerobics event recently, when £1,000 was raised for Breast Cancer Awareness.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and all funds raised by Pink Aerobics go towards research to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Find out more at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/leisurecentres.

Christmas fayre

THE Parish of Penarth with Llandough annual Christmas fayre will be held on November 21, in the Paget Rooms, Victoria Road, Penarth, at 10am-12noon.

Varied stalls and raffle, admission 50p includes refreshments. Entry for children free.

HELP OFFERED FOR RECRUITMENT DRIVE

PRIOR to the start of the AGM on October 1, the President reminded members of various future events; curling at Bridgend Recreation Centre on October 22, and the Barry council meeting on October 26.

The treasurer, Margaret Aylen, then discussed the balance sheet for the past year. The secretary, Margaret Williams, gave her report on the year which was, in fact, the first 12 months of meetings at the Gardening Club venue.

The president, Marilyn Davies, reported on the year and remarked that the membership is rather low. She thanked all her officers and committee for their assistance and was sorry that Diane Marshall had resigned as secretary due to personal reasons.

Miss Davies looked forward to another happy and busy year. She then introduced Kath Mephram, W.I., making a welcome return to Laleston, who would conduct the election part of the AGM. Officers, president - Marilyn Davies; secretary -

Laleston WI News

Margaret Williams; treasurer - Margaret Aylen.

Mrs Mephram said that Laleston was running very well and offered to help in conducting a recruitment drive.

Having had the AGM, a new WI year begins and members are looking forward to an interesting programme which will include a talk on Japanese culture, an account of a Nepalese wedding, and a variety of other talks and demonstrations.

There are also outside interests, such as a luncheon club, a theatre group and various sports activities. Laleston members also support activities organised by the Glamorgan Federation and the link group.

Why not come along and join in? Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Laleston Gardening Club. For more information telephone Marilyn Davies on 01656 656471.

JR

Rugby League twins are back in Bridgend

TWO former Brynteg Comprehensive pupils are back this week from Warrington for this Saturday's Gillette Fusion

International against England at the Brewery Field (kick-off 6.15pm) - although it is unlikely that they will get on the field.

Ben and Rhys Evans impressed so much in the 2005 Carnegie Champions Schools year-7 final at the Millennium Stadium that they were automatically given junior contracts with the Warrington Wolves.

On that historic August afternoon, the Evans twins led Brynteg to a 40-4 win over Castleford High. Ben won the Chev Walker medal for man of the match, while Rhys scored a brace of second-half tries to lead the Yorkshire school shell-shocked.

Ben knows that it will be difficult to get into the senior side for the England game this Saturday at the Brewery Field, but is hoping to break into the squad for the away match against Serbia on Sunday, October 25, in Wales' first match of this season's rugby league.com European Cup.

His brother Rhys is just as delighted to be back in Wales for a month's worth of rugby league that culminates in the rugby league.com European Cup Final at



ABOVE:
The Evans twins, Ben and Rhys.
(photograph by Ian Lovell).

the Brewery Field on Sunday 8 November.

He said: "The move was really good for us. We settled into our new school and got on well with all the lads."

"Both Ben and I then started playing with a local club Burntwood Bulldogs, and we won the North-West Counties Cup for two years in a row. We then signed for Warrington Wolves in December 2008."

Rhys has no regrets about moving to Warrington but thinks it was a shame that Celtic Crusaders weren't around when they were starting off on their rugby league careers.

"If we were younger I'm sure we would have stayed and played at the Crusaders," he added. "But we didn't have

the opportunities then that our old friends have now. I was speaking to Ollie Olds, my old Brynteg team-mate who I played at the Millennium Stadium with. He's played for Crusaders under-18s this year and he's really happy about the way things are going."

"Next year, they're into Super League Academy so we may come up against each

other again. Ben and I played for Great Sankey against Brynteg last year."

"We won the game but it was a bit strange as we knew stuff about Brynteg and they knew stuff about us - which doesn't normally happen in a school game."

The Evans twins will be going to back to Brynteg Comprehensive School today (Thursday) to talk to a number of the pupils in the lower school block and they can't believe how quick the last four years has gone for them.

Ben, who has picked up a Warrington accent, said: "It's really good to be back in Bridgend. It's been a while since I was last down."

"I'm looking forward to going back to Brynteg School where my rugby league career started. It will be nice to see my old friends and teachers and I'm currently staying with a friend who lives next door to the school."

"We didn't do rugby league at Brynteg until 2005 when Kevin Ellis came into the school and Mr Sage the coach said to us 'Do you fancy it?'"

"Then, a few months later we were winning a cup final at the Millennium Stadium."

Local supermarket backs Welsh rugby league team



Left to right: Ben Flower (Wales and Crusaders); Martin Morris (chairman of the Co-operative Welsh board); Iestyn Harris (head coach); Jordan James (Wales and Crusaders).

Photograph by IAN LOVELL

Big Brew Up shows support for families

PERSONNEL at MoD St Athan joined troops around the world at a 'Big Brew Up' in aid of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association.

A spokesperson said that the annual event at St Athan, organised by Mrs Chris Williamson and the RAF Human Resources Flight (HRF), has always been one of the highlights of the year.

"Most of us take our daily cuppa for granted, but for troops stationed far from home, a cup of tea can offer a moment of comfort during difficult and stressful times. HRF used the morning to raise not only funds, but awareness of the

work that SSAFA does within their community."

Last year, the SSAFA Big Brew Up raised more than £100,000 to help continue their work supporting those who serve, those who used to serve, and their families.

The charity has recently opened two 'homes from home' for the families of injured servicemen and women. The SSAFA Norton Homes allow relatives to stay near to loved ones while they are at the main military treatment centres at Selly Oak, in Birmingham, and Headley Court, in Surrey.

They also run two support groups, one for the families of injured service personnel and one for bereaved families.

THE Co-operative has announced its support for rugby league in Wales with a new two-year partnership with the Welsh Rugby League team.

The sponsorship will see the Welsh shirts carrying The Co-operative's trademark logo. In what promises to be an exciting encounter, the Co-operative sponsored shirts will be worn when Wales play England this Saturday, October 17 (kick-off 6.15pm) in the Gillette Fusion International at the Brewery Field, Bridgend.

Farmers' market

A FARMERS' local produce market is being held at the Church Hall, St Brides Major, on October 17.

It runs from 10.30am-12.30pm.

"The market is very popular with a huge choice of meats and vegetables", said a spokeswoman.

Aiming high to help youngsters

AN information event for people who support, care for, or work with a disabled young adult or child takes place at Bridgend Recreation Centre next Tuesday, October 20.

It has been organised by Bridgend County Borough Council and runs from 9.15am-3pm.

Called Aiming High, it's for families and professionals who are interested in the rights and needs of disabled children and young adults living in the county borough of Bridgend.

Admission is free and visitors are welcome to attend for the whole or part of the day.

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BRIDGEND ATHLETIC MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

LEWIS NOTCHES FIVE IN THE YOUTH TRY FEST

THIS was the first ever visit to Newbridge Fields for the Port Talbot side in this friendly and they were soon under the cosh, when within two minutes, winger Lewis Harry scored in the corner. The conversion failed.

Shortly afterwards, a loose throw towards the back of a defensive line-out enabled Bridgend's fly half, Tom Parry, to pounce on the loose ball and power over close to the posts for a try converted by Tom Davies.

Despite being short of several regulars in the back division, the

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH 43
TAIBACH YOUTH 0**

Athletic were displaying their usual speed and slick handling skills. Taibach were combative in the contact area, but all too often found that the ball was moved away quickly into space and their defensive lines were stretched to the limit.

One of these bouts of quick handling resulted in Lewis Harry running in from 60-yards to claim his second try, converted by Tom Davies.

A repeat effort several minutes later took the Athletic into an unassailable lead of 26 points with barely 20 minutes gone when scrum half Davies's box kick was gathered by Harry for

another 60-yard dash to the line again, converted by Davies.

Taibach simply could not exert sufficient pressure to trouble the renowned Athletic defence, where centres Luke Yardley and Tom Habberfield displayed great physicality.

The half ended with a wonderful try from inside the Bridgend half, when some sharp handling sent Tom Habberfield sailing through a gap at outside centre and he used his great pace to draw the full back and put Harry over for his fourth try of the half, converted by Davies.

The referee then blew with the score an impressive 33-0 in favour of Bridgend.

A powerful scrum performance with Njabulo Dladla shining on the loose head had made life difficult for Taibach, and it was no surprise when they opted for passive scrums in the second half. This certainly made life easier for them and they showed great commitment to rein in the previously rampant home side.

However, Lewis Harry still had one more trump card to play when he latched on to a fine pass from Mike Powell to burst over for his fifth

try in a display of impressively clinical finishing. Handling errors prevented further scores until the game was wound up when Tom Parry crossed for his second try to cap an all-round good performance from him.

The Bridgend back row of Stuart Edbrooke, Lloyd Evans and Sean Derrick were a dynamic unit showing great turnover skills, and second row Adam Evans dominated the lineup with his out of position partner Sam Trehanne giving great support.

This was the Athletic's 30th game without defeat, and they look forward to a trip to west Wales outfit Gorseinon next Saturday.

Under-10s are tested by Swansea Uplands

BRIDGEND Athletic under-10s braved the rain and travelled to Swansea Uplands for a match which proved a tough tussle last time the two teams met.

On a pitch with a considerable slope, the Ath played downhill in the first half and got into their stride from the start, playing good running rugby with a good tempo.

Ath backs Caine Woolerton, Chris Matthews and Nathan Willis had good runs and they had good support from the forwards. The Ath's first try came from a maul when Jack Bassett used his good ripping skills and burst over the line.

After a long clearance kick out of defence by Uplands, the ball found its way to wing Chris Matthews, who scored with a great solo effort near the corner. The defence by the Bridgend boys was excellent, thwarting Uplands every time they tried to run the ball. Matthew Hobby, Rhys Gamble and Joe Graham put in numerous good tackles but Jack Walker put in several hits that shook the home side.

It was 10-0 to the Ath at half-time, but with the home team having the slope in the second half, it was feared that two tries might not be enough. The Ath upped their game, scrum half Rhys Gamble made several snipes up the blind side, linking well with his forwards Mitchell Davies and Jack Bassett.

Harry Provstgaard sold a great dummy which split the Uplands defence wide open and he was able to sprint in for a good try. After good mauling by the forwards, hooker Morgan Hughes broke away and raced in for another good try.

The final Ath try came from another good drive for the line by the forwards

with good passing from Gamble, Bassett and Hughes and Joe Graham was on hand to drive over the line and score.

This was a great performance in testing conditions. Man of the match went to Jack Walker for his defensive display.

Final score: Swansea Uplands 0, Ath Greens 25.

In the second match The Ath Yellows took the field against an unchanged Uplands team who were hurting after their match against the Greens. They certainly started with purpose. The Ath boys missed a few tackles early on and took some time to adjust to the conditions.

Will Mahoney, Ethan Bennett, Drew Cording and Thomas Zielinski all did well but Uplands still managed to run in two first half tries. The highlight of the first half for the Ath was a brilliant try by Dylan Parry, whose lightning pace was too hot for the home defence.

The Ath forwards were a bit slow to clear out the rucks and the Swansea boys pinched the ball on numerous occasions at the breakdown. Uplands continued to dominate in the second half and now they had the slope to aid them.

The Yellows tried their best, with good effort from Lewys Jenkins, Matthew Hibbert and Callum Morgan but with the weather worsening they were unable to comeback against a well drilled home team.

Others who contributed to the Yellows were Sean Quick, Iwan Osbourne, Adam Murathodzic and Angus Gregory. Man of the match for the Ath went to Will Mahoney who played well all game.

Final score: Swansea Uplands 20, Ath Yellows 5.

LG

ON a miserable wet Sunday Bridgend Athletic under-9s had an away fixture at Swansea Uplands.

The Greens played first and it was to be another high scoring encounter for the Ath. With the forwards controlling the ball at the rucks and mauls, the backs had the run of open play, with the handling very good, considering the conditions. The ball was passed along the back line, putting Kasari Mehta into space and away to score the opening try.

The Swansea side were trying to put some passages of play together but were being stopped by a determined defence. Ath were playing well in the loose, so much so that in the next maul, Jack Obbard broke away and raced off, showing good speed and out-pacing the opposition to cross the line. The last try of the half came from Connor Fabian with a fine solo run.

In the second half the Ath started by scoring three more tries, coming from Thomas Anthony who raced to the line on two occasions, and the

other from Daniel O'Sullivan. Swansea managed to score a consolation try.

Ath then struck again with Jack Obbard taking the ball and unselfishly drawing a defender before passing to Connor Fabian, who only had to step over the try line for a touchdown.

With the game coming to an end, the Ath players still pressed on and Gwilym John also gave an unselfish pass to Thomas Anthony to score his hat-trick.

Player of the match went to Jack Obbard, for his all round play, not only in the forward encounters where he showed tremendous strength but with his handling in the open play too.

Final score: Swansea Uplands 1, Bridgend Athletic 8.

Squad: Gwilym John, Jack Obbard, Teo Fittis, Daniel O'Sullivan and Jade Thomas. BACKS: Connor Fabian, Kasari Mehta, Thomas Anthony, Sam Veasey and Jamie Marshall.

Yellows in close game

THE Yellows took to the field for the next match and played the

same side as the Greens.

Despite this, it turned out to be a close battle, with tries going back and forth. The Ath started off the stronger, with a fine run from Megan Webb, who raced in for a touchdown.

With both sides playing some good rugby and tackling well, another try came, this time from the Swansea side. Ath were tackling really well, especially William Goodall and James Hermolle. And then good passing from the Ath allowed Megan Webb to race in for her second.

One of the Swansea players was taken off due to an injury and, with no reserves, Megan Webb left the field to level the sides at nine players each.

The second half saw a few changes, with William Goodall and Cai Robinson making way for Taine Waite and Louis King to take to the field. Again in this half, both sides were tackling and playing with confidence.

It was Swansea who scored next, with a good solo try. As the half progressed, Swansea's injured player returned, allowing Megan Webb

back. Swansea then notched up another try.

Shortly after, Morgan Evans and Josh Tidy departed the game and William Goodall and Cai Robinson re-took to the field. There were to be no more tries for the remainder of the game but not for lack of effort. Credit must go to both teams for their defence work.

BRIDGEND Athletic under-7s travelled down the motorway to play Swansea Uplands on a cold wet Sunday morning.

The game, however, turned into a 22-try thriller with both sides playing some super rugby in terrible conditions.

Swansea opened the scoring from the start with a good solo try, but the Ath hit straight back with a good try by Jordan Gittins.

Swansea upped the pace and scored three more tries in the first half before the Ath hit back again just before half time, with Jordan Gittins getting his second of the game.

The second half was again an even contest and the Ath scored first through Thomas Lewis, whose strong run broke the Swansea defence to score a good try.

However, Swansea scored soon after, and with both sides trying to pass the slippery ball and struggling with the conditions mistakes were inevitable.

Swansea's defence was strong and kept the Ath from scoring on many occasions. From a few dropped balls,

Swansea capitalised and scored two more break-away tries just before the end of the second half.

As the Ath had a big squad the teams played a third half to give every one game time and this also proved to be exciting.

The Ath scored first when Rhys Thomas crashed over to score his first try for the club.

Swansea came straight back again and scored from the restart. It was end-to-end rugby as the Ath scored through Connor Lees and Swansea scored another.

Defence went out the window in this half as both sides pushed for more tries and, with the rain coming down hard, it wasn't long before the Ath picked the ball up from the loose and Ryley Howells raced down the field to score his first for the club.

Swansea proved to be too strong and five tries were scored with no reply from the Ath.

With time nearly up Lloyd Bennett scored for the Ath, only for Swansea to score from the restart again.

On the last play of the game, the Ath had the final say as Daniel Elias scored.

Final score: Ath 8, Swansea Uplands 14.

Player of the match went to Rhys Thomas, who worked hard all game.

Under-8s in thriller

THE Athletic under-8s played their first game against a well-organised Swansea Uplands side and it proved to be one of the hardest games they had played.

The Ath started off well with a couple of good runs but on the fifth tag, the ball was dropped over the Swansea line.

From the tap, Swansea passed the ball with confidence and raced away to score a good try. Both sides defences were outstanding, but Dewi Harding scraped through on a planned move to even up the scores.

Once more the rugby was end-to-end. Swansea scored again but the Ath came straight back with a good try by Oliver Raynor, whose support play was great.

Swansea scored three more times in the first half, Mason Hughes pulled two back for the Ath, and on the half-time whistle the Ath trailed by one.

The second half saw the Ath fired up and they came out strong to score

two good tries through Morgan Bennett and Jack Pitts. Swansea scored a good try of their own to even the scores again and, not to be out-done, Oliver Raynor was there again to race over for his second.

Yet again Swansea picked up the tempo and scored another good try to even the scores with time nearly up. Morgan Bennett put the Ath in-front again with only seconds to go. With Swansea having the ball from the tap they raced down the field to score on the last play of the game.

Final score: Ath 8, Swansea Uplands 8.

The Ath played a second game as both teams had big squads and some players hadn't played yet. The Ath started strongly again, scoring two quick tries through Dewi Harding and Oliver Raynor before Swansea came back with a try of their own.

Oliver Raynor scored his second before

Swansea hit back again with a well worked try. The Ath had the final say in the first half.

After Mason Edwards had to be replaced due to a bump on the nose, Mason Hughes stepped in to score a great solo try of his own.

In the second half, Swansea opened the scoring first but Dewi Harding raced down the field to score his second. Defence by both sides was strong but Swansea scored through a good move.

Archie Burnett took the ball from the restart and ran straight through the Swansea defence to score a good solo try. Yet again Swansea came back and scored. On the last play of the game, Oliver Raynor scored his third of the game as the Ath finished stronger.

Final score: Ath 7, Swansea Uplands 5.

Player of the match went to Mason Hughes who had an outstanding game in Attack and Defence.

AB

Park and ride facility proposed for Pencoed

A PARK and ride facility may be provided at Pencoed railway station and the one already at Sarn station could be upgraded; both stations are served by the Maesteg Line.

Bridgend County Borough Council has agreed to a package of proposals put forward by the South East Wales Transport Alliance (SEWTA) to be put to the Welsh European Funding Office for match funding for money already received from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The plan is to construct a 56-place

car park at Pencoed with CCTV cameras, a pedestrian link to the westbound platform which is up to disabled standards, and improvements to the pavement to the east bound platform.

If the scheme is approved, it is hoped works will be complete by next spring.

A planning application will have to be submitted and there will be consultation with residents adjacent to the site.

The park and ride at Sarn would be upgraded using the same grant.

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The experts line up for the Cowbridge festival foodies

AS usual, there is expert advice on offer over the festival weekend, from chefs and food writers who share a passion for good food.

First to appear, at 10.15am on Saturday morning (October 24) will be the River View Chinese Restaurant in Cowbridge.

The River View is a truly family affair – owned by brother and sister Wing and Lyn Chan, with their uncle Wai as head chef.

Since opening over

two years ago, this buzzy restaurant has offered authentic delicious cuisine from across China.

Wai trained at one of China's top hotels, where he later became head chef before moving to the UK and supporting this family venture.

At 11.30am, Simon Majumdar, the author of *Eat My Globe*, will be recreating his Bengali grandmother's 'Life Saving Dahl' (LSD) while regaling the audience with tales from his popular book.

From Newport and Calcutta stock, Simon has returned to south Wales to tell amazing

tales from his year-long quest to "go everywhere and eat everything".

A true culinary obsessive, Simon's pursuit of the perfect taste experience led him to eat mutton kebab rolls in Mumbai (delicious) and dog in China (not so good), but his family's own recipes can be created anywhere – so come and see how.

At 12.45pm, the founders of the Trealy Farm Charcuterie in Monmouthshire will be discussing making charcuterie in Wales, including meat-curing techniques and recipes.

This award-winning artisan charcuterie in the heart of Monmouthshire, combines the latest technology with traditional methods from France, Germany, Italy and Spain – and uses only free range meats, without artificial colours or flavours.

A Cowbridge-based chef takes the stand at 2pm, as Tim Marriott of the Market Place passes on some of his knowledge.

Cardiff-born, Tim returned to south Wales having worked in many of London's most illustrious restaurants, including Marco Pierre White's Titanic.

The Market Place is situated in one of the

town's most historical buildings, where Tim combines seasonal and local produce to create contemporary British dishes.

The final expert on Saturday, at 3.15pm, is Massimo Bishop Scotti of Zucchero Pâtisserie, who was a great success at last year's festival.

Born in Capri, Massimo trained in advanced pâtisserie and confectionery in London and went on to work in some of the UK's best eateries, including The Aubergine for Gordon Ramsay.

He has worked with M&S to develop dessert recipes and now has his own award-winning pâtisserie business, as well as the Zucchero Pâtisserie School here in the Vale.

LIVE ON SUNDAY!

On Sunday, October 25, the first chef is from Cowbridge – John Cook of Oscars, who takes to the stage at 10.30am.

John will be cooking cheap and easy meals, ideal for those just leaving home for college and for novice cooks on a budget.

Born in Manchester, John moved to south Wales and trained at Bridgend College before working as sous chef at the Coed-Y-Mwstwr.

In 2001, he was a finalist in the Welsh Chef of the Year and John has been head chef at Oscars since it opened in 2004.

At noon, the head chef of Loch Fyne, the restaurant that has brought the old Mulligans building back to life, steps forward to talk about seafood.

Garth Howard, will be dipping in to create some of their specialities. These include crab cakes, crab bisque and magnificent oyster tempura.

At 1.30pm, there is another returning expert in Ray Newberry of UWIC.

Ray has been teaching the science and technology of confectionery at UWIC for 20 years and his chocolate workshop has been delivered on many occasions at festivals such as this.

The aim is to take a topic that people of all ages relate to and introduce the science and technology behind it. The workshop introduces school children to the discipline of food science and technology, and the jobs that are linked to this discipline.

An added incentive for those who attend the workshop is that they also get to taste some great chocolate.

The pleasures of learning about the grain and the grape

ONE of the most popular aspects of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival is the chance to enjoy talks on wines, spirits, beers and ciders – all the talks given by experts.

On Saturday, for instance, Colin Hingston of Topsy Fruit Gins will be passing on his expertise at 1pm in the drinks marquee.

Based in Worcestershire, Colin is a regular exhibitor at Cowbridge and brings his knowledge on fruit wines and gins – from growing to picking to drinking.

The business started 11 years ago as they could not sell the farm's damsons. Now they are one of the only farms replanting damson trees, and have recently put their sloe gin into full production.

At 2.15pm, Richard Ballantyne of Ballantynes Wine Merchants in Cardiff returns to the festival to give another of his popular talks.

Ballantynes was started in Cowbridge in 1978, moving to Pontcanna in 2002, and specialises in finding wines which speak about where they come from. This year, Richard will give a talk on the Wines of New Zealand.

At 3.30pm, another aspect of enjoying fine wines and beers – the glass that you drink from – is covered

by a guest appearance from specialists from one of the Vale's twin towns.

The glass blowing demonstration by workers from Rheinfelden in Germany should be fascinating, and there will also be a chance to view and purchase some of their wares.

The German glass blowers will be first on stage the following day, Sunday (at 10.30am until 1pm)

At 2pm, Tricia Hill of the Hendrewennol Fruit Garden will be giving a talk.

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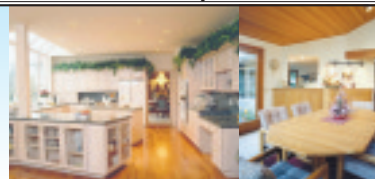
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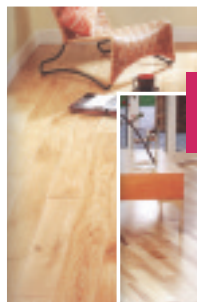
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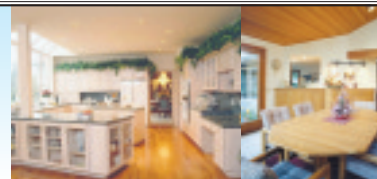
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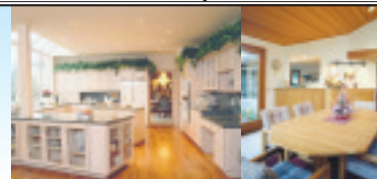
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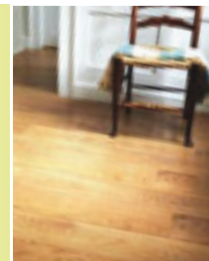
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Pixar's latest is an Up-lifting experience

THERE is little to say about Pixar animation studios that hasn't been said before; since making their feature film debut with *Toy Story* in 1995, the 14 years since have seen the studio go from strength to strength, producing films that have had the critical acclaim to go with the box office clout.

They have also been slowly moving into a slightly more mature mindset when it comes to the films they make, aiming at the young audience that laps up the material but giving it a slightly more grown-up slant. Their latest movie, *Up*, furthers that process, telling the story of Carl Fredrickson.

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that has enough comedic and adventure moments to keep the younger element of the audience entertained, while providing a heart and emotion that you just don't expect from an animation film.

While *Wall-E* was a master class in creating feelings for a robot, the protagonist of *Up* is all too familiar and real to the viewer.

Isolated, and with his dreams of adventure slowly disappearing, Carl Fredrickson is a character that resonates immediately.

As a truly heart-rending sequence shows, Carl and his wife see their ambitions take a backseat to the complexities and heartbreak of real life, leaving us with the older Carl, curmudgeonly and wishing to be left alone.

It is a sequence that is the best example yet of how animation can truly tug at the emotions, and is perhaps Pixar's most grown up and moving sequence to date.

Scriptwriters Bob Peterson and Pete Docter are well versed in the ways of Pixar, and deliver a screenplay that has all the elements we've come to expect from them, shot through with a slightly more mature attitude that offers depth and shade.

The family and personal issues that are often hidden below the sharp animation and bright colours, poke out slightly more prominently this time round and gives the film a far more satisfying feel.

Certainly, the film's climax is present and correct to give more specta-

cle, but it doesn't detract from the film's older sensibilities, just about striking the fine balance.

Peterson and Docter also directed the film, and with the latter being responsible for *Monsters Inc.*, the film, unsurprisingly, looks gorgeous.

As ever, the improvement in CGI animation afford the pair more scope, with the human characters (always a sore point in the world of animation) feeling hyper-real but utterly lifelike.

It is also the first Pixar movie to be shown in 3D, and both Peterson and Docter deserve credit for not resorting to gimmicky direction when using it.

The 3D here is less about having things pop out of the screen at you (a technique that is already becoming boring, even in this new age of 3D) and more about making the film far more vivid and compelling.

Such is the restrained use of it, you will barely even notice the extra dimension, but it gives a gorgeous deep quality to the film.

With the usual top-notch voice cast assembled, the performances are lent real personality. Ed Asner is wonderfully sour as Carl, a dreamer whose dreams seem to have flown on without him.

Asner's deadpan vocals bring the character superbly to life, while Jordan Nagai gives the character of Russell a wide-eyed innocence and youthful exuberance that proves to be a perfect counterpoint to Asner's more wizened vocal per-

SCREEN TALK



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

formance. If the film does make any wrong moves, it can only be in the talking dogs and villain they meet on their journey; more fantastical than the rest of the film, it doesn't throw the film off kilter but does make it feel a touch more child-friendly than it needs to be.

However, when you have a film as hugely captivating and resonant as *Up*, it is a small bug-bear indeed in what is truly a wonderful piece of work.

VERDICT - Another home run for Pixar, *Up* is a beautifully realised, stunningly rendered film with a heart wrenching story that shows just how mature animation can be.

Probably Pixar's most adult work to date (talking dogs aside), *Up* is an excellent film that will appeal to both young and old. *Highly recommended.*

Tutors tackle half marathon

FIVE construction tutors from Barry College are to run the Cardiff Half Marathon to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff.

Taking part in the 13-mile run around Cardiff City Centre on October 18, are brickwork lecturers Anthony Parry and Darren Hill; wood trades lecturer Anthony Crothers and part-time lecturers Andrew Brown and Steve Young.

Anthony Parry said: "Darren Hill, who is a bit of a fitness fanatic, brought the Half Marathon to the attention of the staff at Dumbbells Road. He cajoled eight of us into doing it, but we're now down to five for reasons

of age and torn cartilages!"

The team will be raising funds for Velindre, a facility which means a lot to Anthony as he was treated there: "I was diagnosed with cancer in 2002 and Velindre was the hospital I was treated in," he explained.

"It's been an ambition of mine to run a full marathon to raise money for the hospital to thank them for my treatment, and I will start off with the Half Marathon."

All five have been training hard for the event. "We've all found that we have got quite a few ailments," Anthony laughed.

"But we can run about ten miles and they say once you can run ten miles you should be okay for the 13!"

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Welsh duo open Sunday concert

WELSH violinist Sara Trickey (pictured right) and pianist Iwan Llewellyn-Jones will open this year's series of coffee concerts on Sunday, October 18, at 11.30am, in the Reardon Smith



Theatre at Cardiff's National Museum of Wales with music by Debussy, Elgar and William Mathias.

This will be the eighth season of Sunday morning coffee concerts, given by CwpanAur, in association with the National Museum of Wales.

Swansea-born cellist Thomas Carroll will give the next concert in the series on Sunday, November 15.

National Trust members meet

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust members met at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, and enjoyed an interesting talk on the 18th century National Trust house and walled gardens at Llanerchaeron.

The next meeting will be held on October 21, at 7.30pm, in the Duke of Wellington, when the speaker, Dr Peter Jones, will talk about 'The Polar Hero from St Fagans'.

Membership of the association is open to any interested person who is either a paid-up member of the National Trust or National Trust for Scotland, or the spouse/partner of a life member, or who is a National Trust staff member.

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Out and About with The GEM

Axis calls for new members

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

WHAT'S ON - in brief

Scout sale

A SECOND-HAND books and bric-a-brac sale will be held on Saturday, October 24, between 10.30am-3.30pm, at the Scout Hall, behind the sheep-market, Cowbridge

Photo exhibition

ART CENTRAL in Barry is staging a print exhibition by the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, presented by the Welsh Photographic Federation.

It consists of 150

monochrome and colour photographs, representing the best of British club photography.

The exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of the Vale Council, Coun Emlyn Williams.

It is open from Tuesday to Saturday, at 10am-4pm, at Art Central, King Square, Barry, until Saturday, October 31.

Craft fair

THERE will be a craft fair and market on October 17, at 10am-4pm, in the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

For more information contact Brian on 01446 722351

Penarth coffee
A CHARITY coffee morning will be held in the All Saints Church Lesser Hall, Victoria Square,

Penarth, on Saturday, October 17, at 10.30am-12noon.

Admission 50p. All proceeds to charity.

Charity show

BARRY Lions Club will present a charity concert with Cantorion Creigiau, at the Old School, Sully - a musical extravaganza including 'show-stoppers' on Saturday, October 17, at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50.

Divine service

A DIVINE service

with Joyce Welsh will be held at Barry Spiritualist Church at Buttrills Road, at 6pm, on Sunday, October 18.

Bingo session

THE Rhose and District Community Association is holding a bingo session at the community hall, Stewart Road, Rhose, on Saturday, October 24, at 2pm-4pm. Entrance is 60p and refreshments are provided.

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Pony club holds its futuristic trials in the sunshine

FOR the third year running, Glamorgan Pony Club ran its popular futuristic hunter trials at Spring Meadows in Llandow, by permission of the Edwards family.

Another sunny day helped boost our entries and added to an enjoyable day. The course was quite tough, with only 12 clear rounds all day, but each class was hotly contested.

The results were as follows: **Novice Pairs** – 1st, Bethany Jarvis and Adam Dix on *Toby* and *Star*; 2nd, Adam and Ellie Dix on *Lucy* and *Moss*; 3rd, Debbie Holloway and Tom Stereo on *Alfie* and *Murphy*; 4th, Helen Bolton and Mo Evans on *Buster* and *Toby*; 5th, Adie and Jenna Rees on *Captain* and *William*; 6th, Amelia James and Laura Dempster on *Rhys* and *D*.

Junior Novice – 1st, Adam Dix on *Lucy*; 2nd, Adam Dix on *Star*; 3rd, Alice Tudor on *Rusty*; 4th, Alice Tudor on *Gypsy*; 5th, Melissa Palmer on *Crystal Mist*; 6th, Genevieve Kirk on *Moonie*.

Open Novice – 1st, Melissa Palmer on *Crystal Mist*; 2nd, Sean Way on *Tiff*; 3rd, Lydia Shepherd on *Goldie*; 4th, Emma Lockwood on *Topaz*; 5th, Ellie Dix on *Moss*; 6th, Ellie on *Bonnie*.

Open Pairs – 1st, Ellie Dix and Bethany Jarvis on *Moss* and *Toby*; 2nd, Becky Thomas and Alice Tudor on *Cassie* and *Gypsy*; 3rd, Rachel Corbett and Julie Tipples on *Fred* and *Jake*; 4th, Jessica Tidley and Bethan Allman on *Bartley* and *Figaro*; 5th, Sean Way and Alice Pembroke on *Tiff* and *Mattie*; 6th, Hannah Chappel and Sarah Jones on *Sonny Jim* and *Shally*.

Open Intermediate – 1st, Alice Pembroke on *Flash*; 2nd, Lucy Williams on *Red*; 3rd, Alice Tudor on *Gypsy*; 4th, Sophia Summerill on *Manuel*; 5th, Lydia Shepherd on *Gambol*; 6th, Ellie Dix on *Moss*.

Open – 1st, Bethan Allman on *Figaro*; 2nd, Lydia Shepherd on *Gambol*; 3rd, Megan Allman on *Ollie*; 4th, Julie Tarney on *Branston*; 5th, Lisa Lindsey on *Tango*; 6th, Lisa Lindsey on *Lennie*.

We would like to make a huge thank you for all those competitors and their friends who turned out to support us, everyone who helped on the day with judging, commentating, cooking food, starting the competitors off, taking entries, or just putting the fences back up.

Our main sponsors of the day were Herbert R Thomas, with the Farmers' Union of Wales, ELM Driving Academy and Countrywide also providing generous support.

A huge number of parents, family and friends sponsored fences for the day, which is greatly appreciated. The day would not have been the success that it was without you.

Anyone interested in joining Glamorgan Pony Club should contact Norma on 01446 734687, or just come along to our training nights at Spring Meadows every Wednesday night between 6pm-9pm.

JULIA JARVIS

Tim triumphs in Tenby golf

THE annual 54-hole individual stableford competition for The David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy, organised by The Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, was held recently with two rounds at Tenby Golf Club – which claims to be the oldest affiliated golf club in Wales – and one round at nearby Trefloyne.

After the first round at Tenby, Tim Jarvis, now enjoying life delivering first class mail rather than first class lambs and calves, had stormed into a nine-point lead – thanks to an incredible 26 points on the front nine.

A further 16 points on the back nine gave Tim a nine-point lead over second place Bryan Owen, who finished with 33 points, and Trevor Wooding with 32 points. Keith Davies and Godfrey Lewis who scored 30 points, were not far behind.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Bryan Owen, Geraint Davies and Tim Jarvis, while Kevin Latham won the longest drive prize. The second day's competition, at nearby Trefloyne was won by Aubrey Bowen with 31

points, one more than second-placed Keith Davies and two more than Geraint Davies and Tim Jarvis.

Nearest the pin were Godfrey Lewis, Tony McCarthy, Aubrey Bowen and Clive Edwards, with Coun Ray Thomas hitting the longest drive on the selected hole.

The final round, back on the challenging Tenby course, paired Godfrey Lewis and overall leader Tim Jarvis.

A gallant 38 points from Godfrey to win the final day's competition ahead of second-placed Trevor Wooding who scored 36 points, reduced the deficit to nine points, and Tim's final score of 102 points over the three days was very commendable.

Nearest the pin on the final day were Clive Edwards, Geraint Davies and Keith Walker.

Tim Jarvis won the longest drive prize to add that to his collection.

Unfortunately, a few seasoned tourists failed to trouble the leaderboard, many attributing their loss of form on the accommodation.

Spending two nights in the centre of Tenby for a group of intrepid golfers was probably not the best way to prepare for such an important tournament.

TMCC

Huge victory in the cup as... HUSKIES CRUSH THE WARRIORS

BARRY Huskies' season started with first-leg cup matches involving the First and Second teams.

First up, the Huskies Firsts faced Division Two newcomers the Cardiff Warriors West, a new team coached by American Chris Harper.

The Huskies knew nothing of this side prior to the game, but were expecting a tough game against a young, well-organised and disciplined Warriors side – something that Harper has always instilled in his teams.

However, the Huskies came out on fire – scoring at will against a very inexperienced side and playing smothering defence which limited the Warriors to 10 first-quarter points.

The Huskies scored 36 points in this period, Elliott Thomas and the unstoppable Lloyd Roberts combining for 26 points between them.

This set the tone for the rest of the game. The second quarter saw Jack Dyer score 20 points and the Huskies limit the Warriors to just seven. The half ended 81-17 to the Huskies.

During the half-time break, coach Coles

stressed the importance of keeping the pressure on and started experimenting with different defensive formations. The team duly obliged, and went on to win 153-37, a huge victory which almost certainly guarantees them progress into round two.

Afterwards, coach Coles said: "The boys were fantastic today, four of them scored more than 25 points and they looked a class apart."

Next up was the Huskies Second team against Division One Cymmer Wizards. This had the makings of an upset as the young Huskies side have started gelling in recent weeks, and the Wizards lost a key player during the summer.

The first quarter was a tight affair, with both teams trading baskets – Lloyd Davies and James French held the Huskies together offensively, combining for 13 of the team's 20 points, but poor defence kept the Wizards neck and neck, with the quarter ending even.

The second quarter was a scrappy affair with both sides making basic errors, resulting in a half-time score of 34-30 in the Wizards

favour. The third quarter saw the Wizards come out firing – they upped their defence and closed down Davies and started frustrating the Huskies younger, inexperienced players.

This led to a drop in intensity on the defensive end, and a 62-49 scoreline to the Wizards going into the fourth quarter.

James French started scoring again for the Huskies at the beginning of the fourth, and slowly the gap started closing, getting as close as eight points. However, the Wizards' older heads saw them home 77-68.

Afterwards, coach Cooper said: "I was pleased with parts of our game, especially French's scoring. Our defence needs a lot of work and a few of our younger players lost their heads when things didn't go their way. "Hopefully, they'll learn from this defeat and take it into the second leg next week. We can definitely turn this deficit around."

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KENFIG HILL RUGBY ROUND-UP

Mules show no mercy against Briton Ferry

ON Saturday evening in an event at Kenfig Hill Rugby Club, more than £4,000 was raised for the Velindre Cancer Centre. A club spokesman said: "Well done to the organisers Lisa and Carl Willis, Andrew and Mandy Davies and Ray Giles."

EARLY pressure paid off for Kenfig Hill Firsts against Briton Ferry when full back Ray Evans finished off a slick passing move to go over in the corner.

After some more good open rugby by both sides, Kenfig spun the ball along the line and captain and centre Rhodri Clark scored in the right hand corner of the field.

Briton Ferry continued to contest the game and scored with a forward rush close to the line, second row Liam Puckett claiming the try.

Ferry came close to a second try straight from the drop out but a superb tackle by winger Owen Attwood stopped the move. The Mules put in a strong counter attack but the Ferry defence kept them out.

The game flowed back and forth for the rest of the half, with neither side managing to score. **Half time score: Kenfig Hill 10, Briton Ferry 5.**

Briton Ferry started the second half with a flourish and only a forward pass prevented them from scoring. The same thing happened when they counter-attacked from a Kenfig Hill move close to their line and went the length of the field, only for the final pass to go astray.

Kenfig then started to take control and only dropped passes stopped them from adding to the score until number 8 Derwyn Rees powered over from a move close to the line, with outside half Gareth Lewis converting.

The rest of the game was a stalemate, with Kenfig Hill having

chances to gain a bonus point but just falling short each time.

Final score: Kenfig Hill 17, Briton Ferry 5.

Kenfig Hill's Matthew Bater gave a man of the match performance, with Derwyn Rees and Scott Waller playing well for the forwards, while centres Rhodri Clark and Nicky Walker were the outstanding backs.

SECONDS

SO CLOSE

KENFIG HILL 12 - B'END SPORTS 14 IN spite of making far too many unforced errors, the Seconds came within two minutes of winning this match at The Bandstand ground.

However, the Sports probably just deserved the spoils, as they exerted slightly more control throughout the game, especially with their tactical kicking from fly-half. In fact, the majority of the game was played between the 22s, with neither team able to dominate possession.

Players to catch the eye for the Mules were second row Lloyd Smith and the two try scorers, veteran No 8 Richard Underhill, and talented youngster Kyle Richards.

Kyle who came on at full back for the second half, showed with his explosive running why he has the potential to play rugby at a much higher level.

On a positive note, it was good to see 24 players turning up for the seconds, and let's hope that all players get behind new second team coaches Kurl Knight and Mark Jones and return to winning ways against Tondy next week.

Scorers: Jamie Meers

(penalty), Richard Underhill (try), Kyle Richards (try).

KENFIG HILL/CORNELLY YOUTH

v GORSEINON

K E N F I G HILL/CORNELLY YOUTH put up a creditable performance, losing 22-6 to a powerful Gorseinon team.

Shaun Burnell scored Kenfig Hill's points with a penalty and a drop goal. Callum Matthews and Ian Jones had outstanding games for Kenfig Hill.

UNDER-8s

at Porthcawl

THE mini-Mules travelled to local rivals Porthcawl, both clubs turning out in numbers despite the first wet match day.

The under-7s played first and put on a demonstration of tenacious defence and skilful running rugby.

There were five different scorers for Kenfig Hill, Dafydd Jones, Oliver Pinches (two), Jack Davies (two), Mark Underhill and Alex Underhill in their 7-1 victory.

The camaraderie and understanding that has developed within the under-7s was never more evident than when the opposition had the ball.

Captain Ewan Davis ran himself into the ground pursuing the ball carrier. George Buckley, Connor Jenkins and Joshua Jones were on a mission to ensure the opposition never made ground. Callum Hill, Ewan Orchard and debutant Thomas Llewellyn joined the pursuit, forcing Porthcawl backwards.

The modest nature of

the majority of the under-7s players disguises their will to win and strong team spirit, and is a big part of the reason they remain unbeaten so far this season.

Keep it up boys!

Under-8s

KENFIG HILL under-8s struggled with the basics in the first half, giving away possession and ground far too easily. Their defence was too open, conceding four unanswered tries.

Some stern words from coach Darren Underhill resulted in probably the best play of the season from the youngsters in the second half.

Inspired by a strong performance from captain Connor John, including his first try of the season, a spirited fight-back was underway. Regular scorers Jack Rundle, Harry Cooper and Kieran Tatum all glided in from distance to restore parity.

Matching the opposition head-on were Calvin Gorringer, Liam Evans, Luke Tozer and Rhys Perry, all driving forward to make tag after tag.

Resolute and determined defence from a powerful Cameron Trehar, Oliver Roberts and Tom Watkins looked as if it might reward the Mules with a deserved draw, but a final-play score from Porthcawl saw them run out five-four winners.

Under-9s

ON the first rainy morning of the season, Kenfig Hill under-9s went to Porthcawl with another 15 players to play against what the Porthcawl coach described as "a new and inexperienced team".

The Mules started well with a try straight from the kick off from Nico Evans. A good individual effort from Kyle Williams made it 2-0, but then Porthcawl pulled back two lovely tries before Connor McCarthy steam-rolled his way over to give Kenfig a 3-2 half time lead.

The second half was one way traffic for the Mules with a fine try from powerhouse Phil Burnell and a beauty from Connor Farnham, together with a second half Nico Evans hat-trick.

Final score: Kenfig Hill 8, Porthcawl 2.

Kenfig Hill tries: Nico Evans (four); Connor Farnham; Connor McCarthy; Kyle Williams and Phil Burnell.

Porthcawl under-15s power past Pelenna

PLAYING round two of the Ospreys Cup against last season's semi-finalists Pelenna on their own patch was going to be a stiff test for Porthcawl under-15s.

Right from the kick-off, the ball was well chased and from an early infringement, Porthcawl were given a penalty. Josh White stepped up to slot a fine 30 metre conversion.

Porthcawl were determined to assert control at forward play and this they began to do, with the solid front five of Ben Smith, Jack Williams, James Baynam, Owen Wright and Emyr Wile foraging and driving into the opposition at every opportunity.

The back row of Evan Williams, Adam Mounce and Jack Taylor were everywhere in the loose - supporting and setting up excellent platforms for the aggressive Connor Rees at No. 9.

Ten minutes into the first half, the ball was moved quickly in the backs and the elusive No 15 Geraint Watkins squeezed over in the corner. The kick was converted by Josh White.

Porthcawl were now in their stride. Tom

Bluck and Huw Mitchell were a handful in mid-field, while Lloyd Rosser-Standford and Declan Brown were always taking on the Pelenna defence.

Orchestrating the side was Josh White, who dictated the game at No. 10, pinning back the home team at every opportunity.

Just before half time, the visitors once again worked good ball quickly along the back line for Geraint Watkins to score. Josh White successfully converted, making the half time score 17-10.

In the second half, Pelenna tried to make an impact with some deft kicking by their No.15. The visitors' defence was organised and soaked up the pressure.

Another penalty was awarded to Porthcawl, which Josh White slotted over minutes later.

The third try came with the elusive and strong running Lloyd Rosser-Standford beating three tacklers to crash over in the corner. Josh White coolly slotted the conversion.

From an infringement on the half way line, Porthcawl were awarded a penalty. Coach John Rees instructed Josh White to go for goal.

He stepped up to place a magnificent 50-

metre conversion straight between the posts.

With three minutes remaining, the dynamic Ben Smith took up a tap penalty to crash over from 20 metres, and once again Josh White kicked the points. It was a 100 per cent kicking performance, with seven successful kicks out of seven.

PB

Porthcawl pace is the key factor

LOCAL rivals Kenfig Hill visited Porthcawl under-10s on a wet and windy Sunday morning. The conditions had no effect on either teams spirits though, as they showed all the skill that we have come to expect from this fixture.

The Mules started fast and furious with a try inside the first couple of minutes which they also converted. Porthcawl hit back with a score from Louis Protheroe which was converted by Ethan Waters.

Next was Connor Harrington-Pittam with a try, which was also converted, this time by Zakk Furness-Jones.

IB

BRYNCETHIN MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

Under-8s entertain in an 11-try thriller at Maesteg

BRYNCETHIN under-8s travelled to Maesteg Celtic hoping to stretch their unbeaten run. Even though the game was played in torrential rain, the handling and passing from both sides was exceptional.

Rhys Williams opened the scoring for Bryncethin with a mesmerising run, jinking through the defensive line unchallenged. Celtic then responded immediately with a try of their own, before Bryncethin touched down twice more. Shaun Batchelor and Billy Sinclair each crossed the line with fine darting runs, to end flowing passing moves that stretched the home defence.

With seconds of the half remaining, Maesteg added their second try, despite resolute defending from Mike Gillette and Jake Whitefield. The half ended with Bryncethin holding a narrow 3-2 lead.

Bryncethin started the second half determined to add to their lead and secure the win. Strong direct running and an

excellent break by Ifan Hunnam created space before the Maesteg defence. Rhys Williams collected the pass and finished off the move to score in the corner and claim his second try of the game.

Strong, dogged defensive pressure forced Maesteg backwards and into a rare error. After hounding the ball carrier, Miles Blakeman collected a dropped ball to step through and outpace the chasing defenders. His first-ever try was just reward after tireless defending and excellent support play.

A strong fight back by Maesteg then ensued. Two excellent tries in quick succession brought the home side back to within only one score.

However, Bryncethin were not to be beaten and a flowing move involving some excellent passing set Billy Sinclair clear to dart down the touchline and score what proved to be the match winning try.

Last-gasp tagging from Shea Francis and Josh Nutt managed to hold the Maesteg Celtic attack out until the final minute. The home team's final try was fit-

ting reward for the effort shown, but was not enough as Bryncethin held on for their hard earned 6-5 victory.

Debutant Thomas Bassett impressed with an enthusiastic showing throughout, while Morgan Hughes, Will Laverick and Holly Morgan continue to improve in their first season.

This week's stand-out performance award went to Shaun Batchelor, in only his second game, for his unrelenting work for the team in both attack and defence, well done!

Score: Maesteg Celtic 5, Bryncethin 6

Squad: Rhys Williams (captain), Thomas Bassett, Shaun Batchelor, Miles Blakeman, Shea Francis, Mike Gillette, Morgan Hughes, Ifan Hunnam, Will Laverick, Holly Morgan, Josh Nutt, Billy Sinclair, Jake Whitefield.

Under-10s
THIS was a solid performance by the entire team in very testing conditions.

With the rain pouring down, Maesteg had the better of the match. Emyr Watkin was the

scorer of the Bryncethin try.

Score: Maesteg Celtic 4, Bryncethin 1.

Squad: Ryan Lovell (captain), Aaron Jones, Ryan Morgan, Dafydd Evans, Emyr Watkin, Gethyn Napper, Callum Francis, Emyr Hunam, Ryan Blake and Harri Reynolds.

Under-11s

AN excellent display of running rugby by Rumney during the first half allowed them to build a commanding half time lead against Bryncethin.

Despite the conditions and the scoreline, the Bryncethin youngsters showed much greater desire in the second half.

This attitude was rewarded with tries for William Blake and Scott Winters.

Score: Bryncethin 10, Rumney 26.

Man of the match was Aaron Mclyntre

Squad: William Blake, Scott Winters, Aaron Mclyntre, Ieuan Davies, Samuel Harding, Adam John, Henry Clark, Ben Ashton, Nicholas Morgan, Callum Lethardy, Connor and Jacob.

RH

Pencoed under-9s in top form against Pontyclun

PONTYCLUN travelled the short distance to take on Pencoed under-9s last Sunday.

The home side won the toss and started with a planned move down the touchline. The strength of Pencoed showed early with Jonathan Carr going over. Sam Costelow then went over after a great run, breaking tackles along the way.

Captain Mickey Bosley scored his first try after a quick pick up from the breakdown. Rhys Spurgeon, Owain John and Rhys Bending ensured that Pencoed kept up the pressure with tremendous ball winning skills.

It was good to see Kyle Chamberlain back and he reclaimed his position with a solid display. Tyrone Harding made use of quick ball being passed to the wing and was stopped several times by Pontyclun just before the line.

Owain Johns was also unlucky after going over in the corner - only for the

referee to rule that the ball had been knocked on just before the touchdown.

Jack Rowlands, Dewi Ward and Oliver Lewis made it another great team performance with their driving runs, setting up second phase ball for support players to exploit. From this possession, Rhys Bending went over, quickly followed by Sam Costelow, Mickey Bosley and man-of-the-match Jonathan Carr.

Although this was a comfortable victory and continues an unbeaten run this season so far for Pencoed, congratulations must go to Pontyclun who performed well. They will be a stronger side later in the season.

Final score: Pencoed 7 - Pontyclun 0.

Team: Mickey Bosley (captain) Sam Costelow, Rhys Spurgeon, Jack Morgan, Kyle Chamberlain, Owain John, Tyrone Harding, Rhys Bending, Jonathan Carr, Oliver Lewis, Jack Rowlands.

MB

PENCOED JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

'Two-teams' Pencoed overcome Pontyclun

PENCOED under-11s entertained Pontyclun at home on a wet and windy Sunday morning.

Pencoed had a squad of 20 players so two 20-minute halves were agreed. The conditions proved to be a problem in the early stages of the game, with both sets of backs spilling early opportunities.

The Pencoed forwards started to dominate and a powerful drive, led by Cary Davies, allowed Dan Watts to score the opening try on his debut.

The Pencoed backs had by now started to come to terms with the weather conditions and moved the ball from all areas of the field.

A great run by Joshua Raikes set up a good position close to the Ponty line and Zachary Taylor powered over the line for a fine try.

The outstanding Lewis Miller was covering every blade of grass. He was instrumental, along with Dewi Parrish, in setting up a try for Cameron Fyvie-Davies, who sprinted into the corner, followed by another try for hooker Zach Taylor.

Scrum-half Daniel Jakeway was having a fine match. His excellent service from the base of the scrum led to the final try of the half by speedy wing Max Brennan. Cameron Fyvie - Davies was successful with five conversions.

Pencoed changed the entire team for the second half. The pack now consisted of Corey Williams, Rhys Ward, Dewi Casley, Iwan Krieger and a guest appearance from wing Joshua Goodie.

This pack of forwards started where the first left off and dominated

possession as Pontyclun tackled everything that moved. Hot on the heels of the pack was scrum half Callum Palmer. A dart down the blind side by the scrum half led to a try by the fleet footed Garwyn Williams.

This was then followed by a try by Brandon Thrasher after a fine dash down the wing by Calum Blackman. Morgan Allen then scored a close range try after some great work from the forwards.

The final score of the day went to Garwyn Williams beating the defence with a great side-step. Morgan Allen was successful with four conversions.

A special mention must go to Cary Davies and Dan Jakeway who sportingly swapped sides due to some Pontyclun injuries.

LT

Under-10s outwit Pontyclun power pack

PENCOED under-10s welcomed Pontyclun and were for once up to full strength. The conditions were dreadful and the early autumn rain ensured all were soaked to the skin before the kick off.

Despite the conditions, the spectators were treated to a superb contest between two well-matched sides, with the game being largely forward-orientated.

This was just the sort of game to bring the best out of Josh Richards. His physical presence at the breakdown, in tandem with Jack Mordecai, ensured Pencoed secured a good share of the possession in both halves.

The wet conditions never stopped the Pencoed backs from trying at every opportunity to put width on the game. Outside half Rhys Thompson, in particular, played an exceptional 'head up' game, working his fellow backs into space at any opportunity.

However, it was to be Pontyclun who took the early lead, employing the old 'flying wedge' to power over following a penalty five metres out.

The Pencoed forwards were forced to

work hard at the breakdown and had to earn every yard against their resilient opponents.

Though the Pencoed forwards worked hard, it was to be the backs who would turn the game. Rhys Thompson was rewarded with a try from a well-crafted break towards the end of the first half, and Dewi Cross secured the game with two excellent long-range tries, showing both strength and determination in equal measure. His two conversions rounded off a well-deserved 'man of the match' performance.

Pencoed were able to field their entire squad in this fixture and each player who took to the field fitted in seamlessly in what was an excellent squad effort.

Final score: Pencoed 19, Pontyclun 7.

Congratulations go to Dewi Cross for making the Pontypridd Schools District side. The Pencoed under-10s team and coaching staff are very proud of Dewi's achievement and, despite the fact he will miss some weeks as a result, wish him every success!

SC

Ystrad backs show Pencoed how it's done

PENCOED under-12s made the long trek up the Swansea valley to Ystradgynlais at the weekend, and suffered one of their heaviest defeats at the hands of a strong and pacy Ystrad backline.

Although Pencoed travelled with a depleted squad of 18 players, Ystrad could only field 13 players for the game but unfortunately for Pencoed, it was their forwards who were short, not their backs!

The poor weather conditions didn't help matters but there was one positive to come out of the day and that was the performance of the Pencoed forwards who dominated the hosts' pack.

However, the Pencoed backline had a bad day at the office, struggling to cope with the poor conditions and making numerous forced and unforced errors throughout the game.

Ystrad were gifted their first two tries as a result of some weak tackling behind and took a 12-0 half-time lead.

Their third was also a gift with Pencoed pressing for a score, only to give an interception pass for the Ystrad centre to run the length of the field. With Pencoed heads now dropping, the hosts ran in a further two tries to take a 29-0 win.

Pencoed man of the match went to Aaron Leyshon as he tried his best in midfield to break the Ystrad defence with a number of strong runs.

SB

TONDU JUNIOR AND MINI RUGBY ROUND-UP

Under-13s see off west Wales challenge

TONDU under-13s were at home to Waunarlwydd and their first try came from a defensive error.

Lloyd Webb intercepted a clearance kick from Waunarlwydd and was first to react to the loose ball to score. The try was unconverted.

Tondu created further opportunities, and Ben Jones came close on the wing, eventually being tackled short of the line.

Tondu extended their lead when Ashley Baker

regained possession from a ruck within the Waunarlwydd 22, and had the pace to touch-down near the corner.

Waunarlwydd eventually won good field position but could not breach the Tondu defence. Stern tackling by Ashley Baker, Sam Matthews, Harrison Evans and Rhidian Jenkins kept the visitors out.

Tondu added one further try. Lloyd Webb ran a tap penalty and managed to touchdown at the corner, then kept the visitors within their own half during the second half.

The highlight was Lloyd Webb making a strong run, offloading the ball to Sam Matthews, who ran deep into the Waunarlwydd 22.

Tondu created further try opportunities. Marc Ellis came close following a drive near the visitors line. The second half, due to the weather conditions, became a stalemate affair, but the Tondu forwards battled well against a large Waunarlwydd eight.

Final score: Tondu 15, Waunarlwydd 0.

EJ

Sports on top in the rain

TONDU under-10s were surprised to have a game this Sunday, with a mix of drizzle, heavy rain, and a blustery wind, they turned out at Newbridge Fields.

With both captain and vice-captain absent, Josh Davies took on the role for the match, which began as a forwards battle. Tondu tried to soak up the pressure that Bridgend Sports exerted.

The first try eventually came for Sports from a charge-down of a Tondu defensive kick. Undaunted, Tondu continued to run the ball and came close after a break from Ryan Kershaw ended in touch.

Morgan Owen Evans, playing on the wing, took time to wake up but ultimately made some good tackles and chased the ball hard to put real pressure on the Sports defence.

Tondu spent long periods defending their line, but they learnt the lesson of charge-downs from their earlier defensive kick. Despite Bridgend Sports scoring four more tries with no answer, Tondu still continued to try and play rugby in worsening conditions.

First half: Bridgend Sports 20, Tondu 0

The second half saw a raft of changes for the Tondu youngsters, who started brightly even if in defence. Eventually, Sports were able to add to their account, but again the Tondu youngsters showed their resilience and took the game back to Sports.

Bradley Richards' sniping run was only stopped by a high tackle. Slowly but surely, Tondu started to come alive with good forward driving from Ioan Thomas.

Defensively, they were getting to grips with the opposition, as Sports were unable to cross the try line.

Tondu thought they had weathered the storm, only for a scrum to be awarded to Sports back on the 22, resulting in a try.

Eventually, after a lot of hard work, they managed to break through and Ryan Kershaw had the honour of taking the ball over the line for the only Tondu score.

The game drew to a close with Tondu defending yet again. A brilliant tackle by Morgan David on the right wing stopped the Sports attacker in his tracks. But despite this and some desperate defence, Bridgend Sports got the final score of the game.

Full time Bridgend Sports 35, Tondu 5.

Ioan Thomas was awarded Tondu star of the game, and he left the ground with an enormous smile.

Tondu squad: Josh Davies, Megan Flaherty, Jack Llewellyn, Ryan Kershaw, Bradley Richards, Morgan-Owen Evans, Taylor Lloyd, Ioan Thomas, Joe Duffill, Callum Booton, Jordan Morgan, Morgan David, Declan Pugh, Iwan Knight and Eleri Knight.

JK

The under-9s fight on through the rain

CONDITIONS were not ideal as TONDU under-9s arrived to play at Bridgend Sports.

However, that did not prevent both teams trying to play some good rugby.

At the breakdowns, an uncompromising battle was being played out, with both sides showing great commitment. The game ebbed and flowed and soon took on the characteristics of a typical forward-dominated game.

Sports used their bigger players to great effect but couldn't quite cross the white wash. The game rumbled on up to half time with no tries scored.

Tondu made some changes at half time but the game didn't really change. As the second half wore on the game opened up a bit and it was the Sports who were the beneficiaries, scoring two tries despite hard defensive work from Tondu.

The away team responded well from

these set backs but found the Sports defence in no mood to oblige. The main game finished 2-0 to Sports, but it was decided to play an extra period to give all players a good run out.

Committed attacks from Tondu still could not find a way through. Even though the Sports spent some time on the back foot, they managed two further tries.

At the close, Tondu still fought hard, and the coaches were very pleased with the never say die attitude. Sports are a good side and here's looking to the return fixture.

Match day squad: Lewis Oates, Ciaran Edwards, Callum Vause, Luke Brett, Daniel Mayne, Patrick Riley, Jacob Thomas, Harry Olding, Ellis Mathews, Cameron Keegans, Morgans Strong, Lewis Dyke, Finley Duffill, Morgan Williams, Ieuan Wallis

DM

Under-8s entertain

ON a wet Sunday morning Tondu under-8s made the short trip down to Bridgend Sports to play two games of entertaining rugby.

Game One: Captained by Geraint Richards, Tondu attacked the Sports' try line from the off, with only some good tagging preventing Tondu opening the scoring.

Despite some good tagging from Tyler James and Jack Weeks, the Sports attacked and broke away to score. Tondu responded almost immediately with some excellent team passing for Geraint Richards to go over for an equaliser.

From the restart, a mistake by the Sports gave Tondu possession and a great run saw Ellis Rees scoring another Tondu try.

Some early second half Sports pressure saw Tondu lose the ball on the try line and the Sports go over.

Excellent tagging by Ethan Dernick and Gethin Page then gave Tondu the turnover and some swift passing and a darting run by Cory Ryall put Ellis Rees through for his second try.

Tondu were not able to keep the Sports out, however, and they scored an equalising try just at the end. **Final score: Bridgend Sports 3, Tondu 3.**

Game Two: Tondu, captained by Toby Dowle, were up against a strong Sports side, and started well with some quick team passing.

Sadly, they were unable to keep the Sports out, and four successive tries were well-deserved. Tondu continued to defend well with excellent tags from Sam Tatchell and Toby Dowle but the Sports managed to break through for one more try before half time making the score 5-0.

After the coaches' half time team talk, Tondu came out vigorously with some good runs from Evan Thomas and William Watkins and good inter-passing by the whole team led to Miles Olding scoring Tondu's first try.

The Sports responded with two further tries, despite some great defence from Tondu. Their spirits undampened, despite the weather and the score line, Tondu spurred forward to claim a final try by Ryan Neagle. **Final score: Bridgend Sports 7, Tondu 2.**

Tondu's 'star of the match' was Ellis Rees

The squad: Evan Thomas, Cory Ryall, Ethan Dernick, William Watkins, Ellis Rees, Ryan Neagle, Coel Gifford, Toby Dowle, Sam Tatchell, Jack Weeks, Miles Olding, Jayden Andrews, Tyler James, Gethin Page, Kieran Chalmers, Geraint Richards, Lloyd Pitt, James Holly and Owen Davies.

SC

Pen-y-Fai under-12s are among the goals

THIS game, between Pen-y-Fai under-12s and Llangynwyd, was closer than the scoreline suggests, as 'Llan' made 'Pen' work for every goal.

An early breakthrough came from the nimble feet of Ben Symmonds after four minutes, and that was soon followed by captain Zac Edwards, with another thunderbolt which gave the keeper no chance.

Then, for 15 minutes Llan put pressure on the home defence, and but for some good saves by keeper Owain Jenkins, the scores could have been equal.

The second quarter saw the Pen midfield starting to take control,

with Jack Lewis cutting the Llan defence apart with some pin-point through balls which Callum Watts took full advantage of for another two goals. At the end of the half, Mathew Symmonds put his brother through for Pen to finish well.

The second half started with a disputed penalty to Pen-y-Fai Up stepped big centre half Ellis Rosser, who rarely passes the half-way line and coolly sent the keeper the wrong way.

Then Callum Jones put Zac Edwards in for his second and the eighth

goal came from a neat ball from Dylan Whitcombe, who put Alex Howland in for his first of the season.

Pen made changes and brought on Jack Mullins, Elliot Thomas and Greg Smeaton for the last 10 minutes as the Llan defence tired, and two smart finishes from Greg, who was playing left back but found himself in the opposition area, were the final scores for the day.

Final score: Pen-y-Fai 10, Llangynwyd 0

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Family Notices

Elwyn (Ted) GRIFFITHS

Before a congregation of over 100 friends and relations, the funeral service, sympathetically conducted by the Rector, the Rev John Webber, took place on Thursday, October 8 at St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major.

The family extend their thanks to all the friends who attended the service but are sorry not to have met more of them afterwards over refreshments at West House Country Hotel. Our thanks go to all the staff of Ward 16 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, who cared for Ted over the past few years.

We would also like to thank W James & Son Funeral Directors of Fommon for all their assistance.

Stephen BRUTEN

Eileen & Brian would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their many cards, flowers and support received at this sad time. Special thanks to Daphne and W James & Sons of Fommon.

JAMES

Constance Elizabeth

Peacefully, on October 9, Connie of Llantwit Major, loving mother of Suzanne and Robert, a much-loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday October 19, service and cremation 2.45pm in the small chapel at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to ABM University Health Board (Rheumatology Fund), Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

MEPHAM

Alan

The family would like to express our grateful thanks to everyone who attended our dear Alan's funeral and for the many cards received and the memorial donations.

Our special thanks to the doctors and staff of Court Road Surgery for their constant care and kindness throughout his illness.

The service at St Curi's Church, Porthkerry, given by the vicar, David Treham, was a comfort to us all. A special thank you to John James Funeral Directors for their caring assistance.

BRAIDWOOD

Mary Emily Joycelyn (1924-2009)
Suddenly after a long stay at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, on October 8, 2009. Formerly of Bingle Lane, St Athan, lately of Boverton, Llantwit Major. A dear friend who will be sadly missed - you're at peace now, Lyn. Always in our thoughts - Betty and Lindsay. Short service on Friday October 23, 11am at Coychurch Crematorium.

Margaret COLLETT

Suddenly passed away on Wednesday October 7, 2009, Margaret, beloved wife of Stephen, a dearly loved mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral Monday October 19, 2.45pm at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only, but donations if desired in aid of feeding the under-fives in Lunkwe, Malawi. Cheques payable to Thomas Alan Skene c/o Thomas Brothers Funeral Service, Mitson Cottage, Llandough, Cowbridge CF71 7LR.

DAVID HUGH EVANS

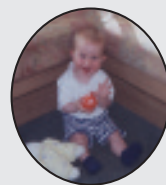
On 10 October, David of Plascellyn, Bonvilston peacefully passed away at home surrounded by his family. A beloved and cherished husband to Marge, a loving and devoted father to Sue and Alison, the respected father-in-law to Selwyn, a wonderful grandfather to Llinos, Cerian, Becky and Ceri and great grandfather to Sophie, Tommy, Cameron, Maya, Sam and Gethin.

Resting at James Summers Funeral Home, Roath Court, Cardiff. Funeral Service at Thornhill Crematorium on Thursday, 22 October 2009 at 1.30pm. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu if desired to The Parkinsons Disease Society c/o Mrs P. Samuel (secretary), 24 Arabella Street, Cardiff, CF24 4TA. Will be sadly missed by all who knew him

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Successful season for Dinas' tennis juniors

WHAT a fantastic tennis season the juniors have had at Dinas Powys Tennis Club this year.

The junior section is fortunate to have many juniors who volunteer to help run the section and also enjoy their tennis.

Harry Driscoll and Georgina Collins are the retiring junior captains who have worked very hard this year, helping the club coaches with Saturday tennis, tennis camps and tournaments.

In addition, both have represented the club in junior and senior teams, and have played in both senior and junior events.

The junior committee wishes to thank them and hopes that the next year goes well for them in college and school.

Georgie has recently trained as a volunteer helper for tournament organisers, so hopefully we will be able to call on her expertise next year.

The new junior captains are Becky Arcos and Adam Roberts, who regularly help out at events and coaching, as do many other juniors including Matt Thomas, Katie Collins, Dana Yee and Alex Vowles, all of whom also represent the club at junior and senior level.



ABOVE: Georgina Collins and Harry Driscoll with the junior chairperson, Marion Curtis.

Dana has had a very full tennis year, competing in all our senior tournaments with great success, as well as the junior tournament.

She has also competed in many tournaments in Britain and is steadily making very good progress.

She played in the final of the Dillwyn Thomas tournament with another talented junior, Hywel Arcos, and is the holder of the club singles title for the second year running.

The Sue Thomas Salver was awarded to

Alex Vowles this year for his unstinting loyalty to the club as well as his progress in tennis.

Alex is a regular feature at the club, and helps all the age groups, including the committee, with any task he is given.

He has achieved notable success, including a doubles title in the new DPLTC junior open tournament.

He has entered outside tournaments and played for the club at both senior and junior level.

With unfailing good

humour, Alex displays good manners both on and off court and is a great credit to his family and the tennis club.

Well done to Alex and to all our juniors who have competed so well this year!

Gareth Hodges is a long standing DPLTC member who has fond memories of his own junior days in the club, and having achieved coaching qualifications, his progression to the status of assistant part-time coach in the club is very much appreciated.

He plays for the club teams and enters club tournaments, so he has a very good idea of the standards players need to reach.

He is playing an active role on Saturday morning junior tennis, as well as with some of the squads run by Rob Walbyoff.

There is a real danger of girls dropping out of sport and the junior committee is trying to make sure that this does not happen to girls in our club.

The club needs to encourage all our juniors to achieve the highest standards they can, and to make sure that they continue to enjoy their tennis as they grow older.

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BARRY BLUEBIRDS TAKE A LEAF FROM BARCELONA'S BOOK



Back row (left to right): Jeff Howells (manager), Patrick Jones, Dan Stringer, Blayne Rue-Mortimer, Connor Hetherington, Isaac Farrag (captain), Jo Harland, Jai Howells, Jacob Burgess, Rhys Williams (coach).
Front row: Jimmy Leake, Curtis Hayes, Liam Jones, Calum Grant, Danny Morgan, George Screen, Jack Smith
(Missing from picture: Martin Jones (coach), Morgan Marks).

A LOCAL under-14s football team has abandoned the usual sponsored team kit idea - in favour of promoting a charity.

Barry Bluebirds under-14s are this season promoting the children's hospice Ty Hafan.

The idea follows in the footsteps of clubs such as Barcelona FC who promote (UNICEF), and Aston Villa (Acorns Children's Hospice). It was thought a great idea to raise awareness to the younger generation of the importance of Ty Hafan.

Jeff Howells, who is the manager of the Bluebirds and a care team member at Ty Hafan, said: "It's an amazing opportunity to be promoting the fantastic work carried out at Ty Hafan, and to bring an understanding to the next generation of potential fundraisers of just how special the hospice is to children a lot less fortunate than themselves."

"The parents of my team must be mostly credited for suggesting the idea, and fully funding the kit, and chairman and club secretary Lynn and Pam for giving the go ahead, but that's how brilliant they all are and I can't thank them enough."

"The lads are really pleased with their new kit and all agree it's an excellent decision to be sporting Ty Hafan's new logo on the front of their shirts, and I'm sure they'll do the organisation proud this season."

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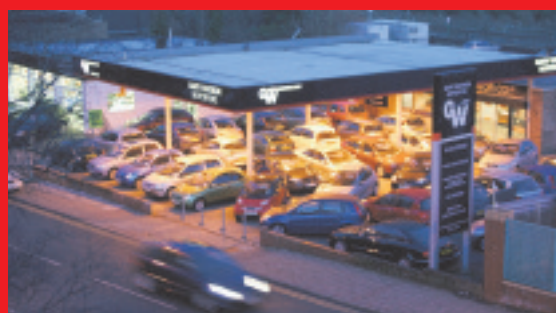


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CAOS presents its autumn concert

COWBRIDGE Amateur Operatic Society (CAOS) presented its 22nd autumn concert last weekend at Cowbridge Town Hall.

In the Friday night audience was Vale AM Jane Hutt, and the following night's performance was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge.

They witnessed a feast of music from the world of *Show Boat* and 'Gilbert & Sullivan at Sea' with narration by Chris Pinchbeck.

The musical director Ryan Wood is well known in the world of music, his respect for the repertoire and his guidance were evident from the performance.

There was a splendid array of soloists: Sally

Kingsbury, Tony Kingsbury, Beryl Vaughan, Chris Harrison, Kay Mead, Rob Reynolds, Cliff Blaney, John Manley and Terry Dunsforth, each bringing their talents to the fore and entertaining a capacity audience.

It was refreshing to see so many new faces. It seems that CAOS is in good health and good hands.

The accompanist was Carole Lloyd, assisted by Brenda Manley

The last performance of this programme will be 7:30pm this Saturday, October 17, at the Pontyclun Institute Athletics Club, Pontyclun. Tickets are available on the door or telephone the box office on 0845 459 2605.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Bryn's winner

COWBRIDGE trainer Bryn Palling landed the principal race – the **Jenny Allen Birthday Handicap** – at Goodwood on Sunday with Annabelle Mason's *Arthur's Edge*.

Ridden by leading apprentice jockey David Probert, bottom-weighted *Arthur's Edge*, a 11-1 chance, scored by half-a-length from *Son Of The Cat*.

Probert, 20, who tied with William Buick for the apprentice jockeys' championship last season, has high hopes of winning the title outright this time.

Based at Andrew Balding's Kingsclere yard, he's already ridden more than 100 winners and has a bright future ahead of him.

BRIAN LEE

Local owner's Chepstow winner

DANTARI, a four-year-old bay colt, owned by Bonvilston's Ian Brice, and trained by Evan Williams, was a 16-1 winner of the Freebets.co.uk Corporate Partner Day Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow last Saturday.

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Dantari* held on to win by a head from *Clyff Hanger* to whom *Dantari* was conceding 14lbs.

Williams is hoping he can work the oracle on Mr Paul Green's eight-year-old *Silverburn*, a grade one winner, who has come to him from top trainer Paul Nicholls's yard.

Silverburn, a full brother to Cheltenham

Gold Cup hero *Denman*, ran very disappointedly last season and Williams said: "I might do something a bit different with him. I might start him over hurdles, only because we have to look outside his box to rekindle him to where he was at his peak."

"He's a fresh horse and a happy one. His form is in the book and he obviously has lost his way, but I suppose we have an enviable record with horses of his calibre and hopefully we can get him fit again."

If anyone can, then it is surely Williams, who last season saddled 72 winners, putting him in 12th place in the top trainers' list.

Top of the list again was Paul Nicholls, who won 155 races.

The Snail is no slouch

ONE of the horses that caught my eye on a recent visit to Evan Williams's Llancarfan yard was a six-year-old bay gelding called *The Snail*.

A notice on his box read that he was 'For Sale' and I thought to myself that if I could afford to own a racehorse, then this would be the one for me.

I have never considered myself a good judge of horse flesh, as they say, but I was delighted to see that *The Snail* made the news last week by winning two races within 24 hours of each other.

At Exeter on Wednesday, ridden by Donal 'Duck' Fahy, he easily landed the Bathwick Tyres Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle, beating *Little Firecracker* and on Thursday, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, romped home again at Wincanton in the Kingwell Handicap Hurdle beating *Prince Noora*.

And guess what? The runner-up in both these races were trained at Aberthryn by Tim

Vaughan. It certainly seems that these Vale trainers are going head to head!

However, Tim also had plenty to smile about. His *Hayes Princess*, under Richard Johnson, came in at odds of 4-1 at Towcester on Wednesday, and on Thursday at Wincanton, he saddled *Doctor Robert*, again ridden by Richard Johnson, to land the Racing UK Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Welsh lady point-to-point champion rider, Isabel Tompsett, riding Dai Burchell's *Thehonorablelady*, won the Ladbrokes Mares Handicap Hurdle at Worcester on Wednesday for Welsh trainer Dai Burchell.

Evergreen Dai made it a double by winning the following race, the Ladbrokes Selling Handicap Hurdle, with *Watch Out* ridden by Danny Cook.

One man who does have a good eye for spotting future winners is Giffach Goch's Viv Hughes. A former successful point-to-point rider, Viv is looking for new owners for the coming point-to-point and hunter 'chase season.

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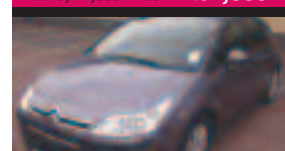
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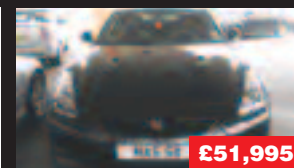
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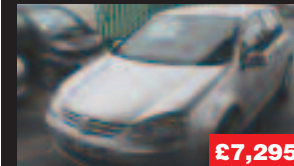
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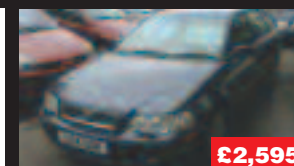
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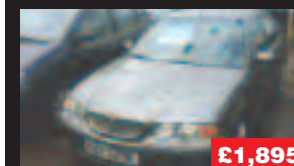
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GEM sport

Aberavon pack is far too much for Pencoed

THIS was a much better performance from Pencoed Firsts than the previous week, but the heavier home eight did enough against the relatively young Pencoed pack to deserve victory.

Pencoed full back Tom Cross opened the scoring with an opportunist drop goal, but the Quins took the lead with a try from wing Adam Dawe, converted by outside half Marc Sheppard.

Sheppard then extended the home lead with a penalty goal. Pencoed outside half Marc Davies kept his side in touch with two penalty goals, but Pencoed conceded a scrappy second try, with a number of players failing to deal with loose set-piece possession for home centre Neil Pugsley to capitalise with a gift score.

Quins led at the interval by 15-9.

Pencoed skipper James Murphy was cen-

tral to a much-improved lineout, but it took Pencoed until the hour mark to come to terms with the home pack. Replacement front row forwards James Elton, and Nicky Hawkins appeared to energise the scrum.

Davies kicked another penalty goal to bring the scoreline to 15-12, before opposite number Sheppard restored the Quins lead to run out winners, with Pencoed failing to take a late opportunity to snatch a result.

On Saturday, Pencoed host Dunvant, and will look for that elusive first win, to hopefully kick start their season.

CIACS 24 - Pencoed 42

Pencoed second team played Cardiff Internationals and opened the scoring after six minutes with a sweeping counter-attacks, putting wing Robert Spears away on half way, before an inside pass found sup-

**ABERAVON HARLEQUINS 18
PENCOED 12**

porting centre Aaron Songhurst, who sped in from the 22. Skipper Tom Davies converted.

The CIACS then attacked, and only a last-ditch tackle from flanker Rhys Samuel prevented a score.

Pencoed increased their lead with a searing break on the angle from Songhurst, who split the defence for emergent youth skipper Liam Evans to cross.

Aggressive defence on his own try line by Ashley Halse then kept the CIACS out. Both centres, Liam Halse and Songhurst, looked solid during this period of pressure from the home side, one double hit producing a crucial turnover under their own posts.

The CIACS then opened their account with a penalty goal, before Pencoed hit them with two quick tries prior to the interval, from prop forward Christian

Powell, and a second from young Evans, Davies converting both.

At the start of the second half, Pencoed No 8 Paul Richards stormed over at the posts. Davies converted.

Soon after, Davies worked a double dummy which took him across at the posts, which he goaled.

The CIACS then began their best spell of the match, showing great character to score three tries in under eight minutes, for the final scoreline to read 24 - 42 to Pencoed.

For Pencoed, second row Ashley Halse enjoyed one of his best games, carrying forcefully, and setting the platform for two tries, while centres Liam Halse and Songhurst played well both in attack and defence.

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BRIDGEND ATHLETIC GET VITAL WIN - BUT MAKE A MEAL OF IT!

BRIDGEND Athletic made the long journey to mid-Wales brimming with confidence, despite being disrupted by a number of early season injuries.

The home team were bottom of Division One West, with only one losing bonus point to show from their previous five league outings and the dry sunny conditions were surely in the visitors' favour.

In fact, for the first five minutes it was all Athletic as they attacked straight from the kick out and set Builth on the back foot.

From a scrum on the 22 metre line, the Athletic looked certain to score, only for a despairing tackle to be converted to a Builth penalty for holding-on.

Little did we know that this was going to set the tone of the whole game for Bridgend Athletic. The relieving kick sent the teams to half-way and, from the next play, after an exchange of kicks typical of the modern game, the ball settled in touch on the visitors' 22.

Full back MacCausland tried to take it quickly, only for the Athletic to be caught in possession in mid-field. Builth turned the ball over and good orthodox passing set up a score in the corner,

which was converted.

This set-back seemed to unsettle the Athletic and their play continued to be uncertain and error strewn. Play was bogged down in the middle third of the field, with mistakes being made by both sides.

Builth eventually had a run of phases that took them towards the Athletic 22 without looking dangerous, but a sudden surge by the home scrum-half took him half through a gap before off-loading to his supporting full back, who raced under the posts through some half-hearted defending.

The resulting conversion made the score 14-0 and the Athletic had it all to do.

The visiting team were making great efforts through current captain Rod Jones and former captain Simon Mustoe, along with flankers Chris

Whitcombe and Tom Morgan, but mistakes continued to happen and good positions were squandered, either by poor handling or by the more effective ground-work of the Builth pack.

Despite this, the Athletic kept mounting attacks and eventually forced themselves into their opponents' 22, and when quick ball reached fly-half Steve Lewis, he was quick to spot a mismatch with opposition forwards and scooted over five metres from touch.

BUILTH WELLS BRIDGEND ATHLETIC

**17
18**

by MARK DAVIES

Lewis converted his own try to pull his team back into the game and more sustained pressure immediately after resulted in two penalties, kicked by Lewis to make the half-time score Builth Wells 14 Bridgend Athletic 13.

The second half was even more disjointed than the first, and perhaps both teams could be accused of lacking composure and trying too hard.

Both had opportunities to run the ball and made breaks, but all too often the final pass was forced, or slow support resulted in turn-overs.

Bridgend Athletic centres Sean Owens and James Olds made a number of probing runs but found it difficult to release hard-working wings Johnnie Nation and Rob Coles into space. Likewise, Builth were effective in breaking from scrums but lacked the guile to build on this success.

The Bulls extended their lead to four points with a well-taken penalty and the Athletic continued to play with desperation. Even the introduction of Norman and Phillips in the front row and Doherty at lock could not energise the visitors, and the game seemed destined to slip away from them, despite the energetic surges by No 8 Dan Apsee.

Mixed fortunes for Wick teams at Pandy Park against Tondy



WICK Millers, captained by John Burnell, played their first game of the season against Tondy Thirds.

John's father, Ben, was also a playing stalwart of Wick during the 1970s and 1980s. John's brothers also turned out for this fixture.

The game was an entertaining and closely fought affair with the visitors just gaining the upper hand.

In reply to Tondy's three tries and a conversion, the Wick tries came from Joey Roderick, Lyn Brennan and Keiron David with a conversion from Stuart Rich.

However the top performance of the day came from vice-captain Kenny Thomas, who not

only scored a fine try but also kicked two difficult conversions to preserve a remarkable record of a 100 per cent success rate in his career.

A total of 24 players made themselves available to ensure that further fixtures in the season are assured.

Final score 17-26.

Wick First team, heavily hit by injuries, played against Tondy Seconds and, despite tries from Stuart Allan and Mike Sims, with two penalties from Dan Powell, lost the match 16-24.

Next Saturday sees a return to league action away against Nantymoel in the Ogmre Valley.

ABOVE:
The Wick Millers, who emerged victorious in their opening game of the season.

Rob is singing for Welsh rugby!

Rob Allen will lead the singing of the Welsh National Anthem and perform his song 'Made in Wales' at the Rugby League International on the October 17 (kick-off 6.15pm) between Wales and England at the Brewery Field, Bridgend - Iestyn Harris's first game in charge of Wales - then at the Rugby League Euro Championship games on the November 1, at Sardinia Road, Pontypridd when Wales play Ireland (kick-off 5.15pm) and on finals day, November 8, at the Brewery Field.

Rob will be accompanied by the Abercynon Male Voice Choir. All the games are live on Sky TV.

Joint leaders set the pace in Premier race



B Attack.

B ATTACK made it four wins out of four for the new Bridgend Sunday 6-a-side Leisure Leagues Premier Division campaign, as they claimed a 4-2 success over Cowbridge Cougars, as Gary Howe took the plaudits.

Croissaints are the only other side

to maintain a 100 per cent record, as Dan Yaw starred in their 2-0 victory over AC Brackla.

Hangover Heroes are nicely perched in third spot of Division One, as Gareth Davis ensured they sneaked through 1-0 against FC08.

Anyone who wants to join the 6-a-side leagues in Bridgend can call 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisure-leagues.net.

The twins are back!

BRYNTEG Comprehensive rugby stars, Ben and Rhys Evans, who 'went north' after impressing RL scouts at the age of just 13, are back this weekend.

The pair are now on the fringes of the Welsh senior squad, and will be paying a visit to their old school today.

(See page 13 for full details).

